



Dance in the
Vampire Bund

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*Das Firmament blaut ewig und die Erde
Wird lange fest stehen und aufblühen im Lenz. Du aber, Mensch, wie lang lebst denn du?
Nicht hundert Jahre darfst du dich ergötzen
An all dem morschen Tande dieser Erde!*

*Seht dort hinab!
Im Mondschein auf den Gräbern Hockt eine wildgespenstische Gestalt!
Ein Aff ist's! Hört ihr, wie sein Heulen Hinausgeht in den süßen Duft
des Lebens!*

*Jetzt nehmt den Wein! Jetzt ist es Zeit, Genossen!
Leert eure goldenen Becher zu Grund! Dunkel ist das Leben, ist der Tod!*

The firmament in its eternal blue, and the earth
These will long endure, will blossom in springtime.
But thou, O man, what is the span of thy life?
Not a hundred years art thou permitted
To enjoy the idle vanities of this earth!

Look there below! In the moonlight upon the graves
There crouches a wild, ghostly figure.
An ape, it is! Hark how his howling
Shrills out into the sweet airs of this our life!

Bring on the wine! The time has come, my comrades!
Drain your golden goblets to the dregs!
Dark is life, as is death!

Gustav Mahler, Das Lied von der Erde

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Heulen Hinausgellt in den süßen
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Du aber, Mensch, wie
lang lebst denn du?
Nicht hundert Jahre
darfst du dich ergötzen
An all dem morschen
Tande dieser Erde!
Seht dort hinab! Im

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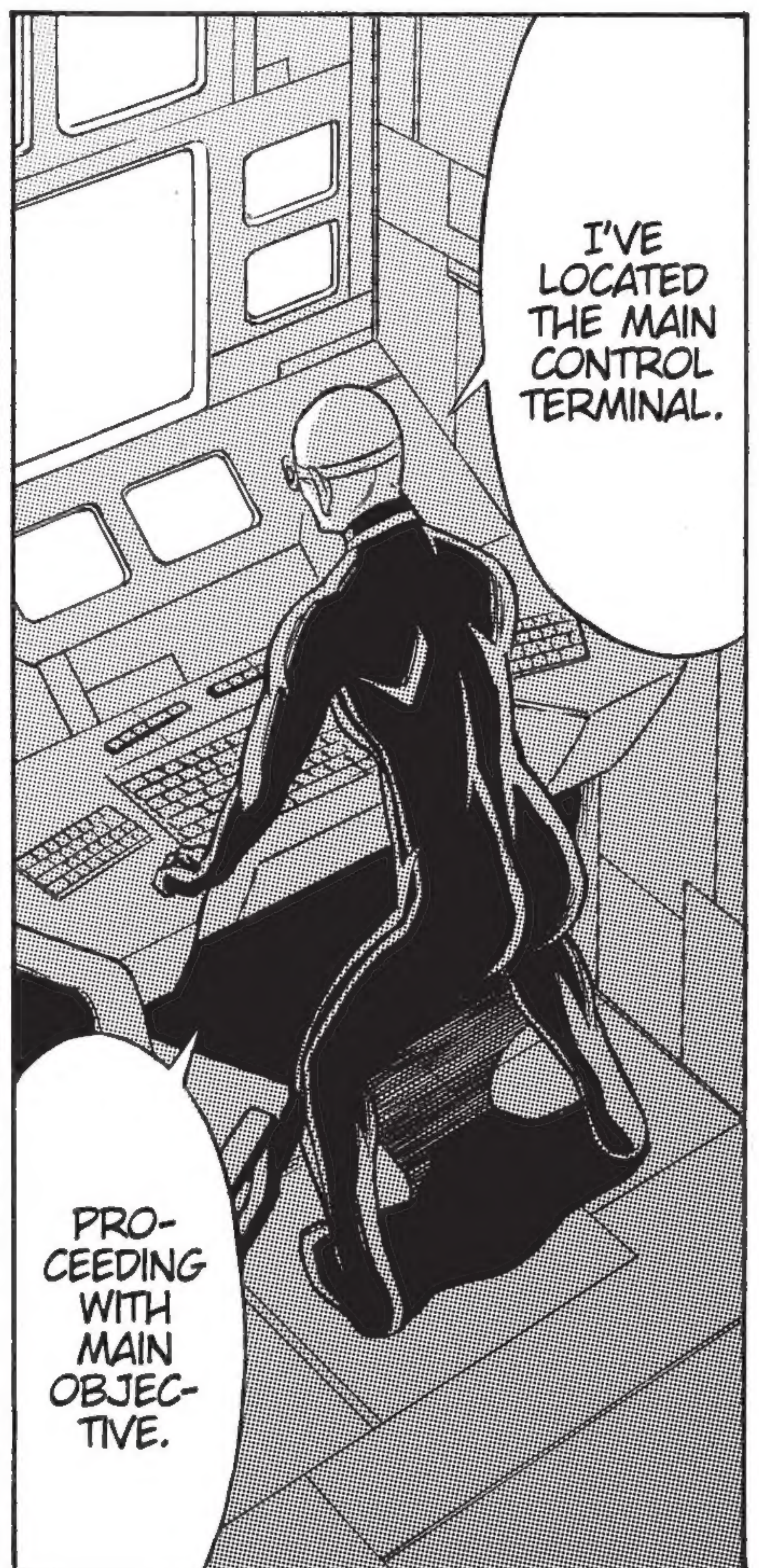
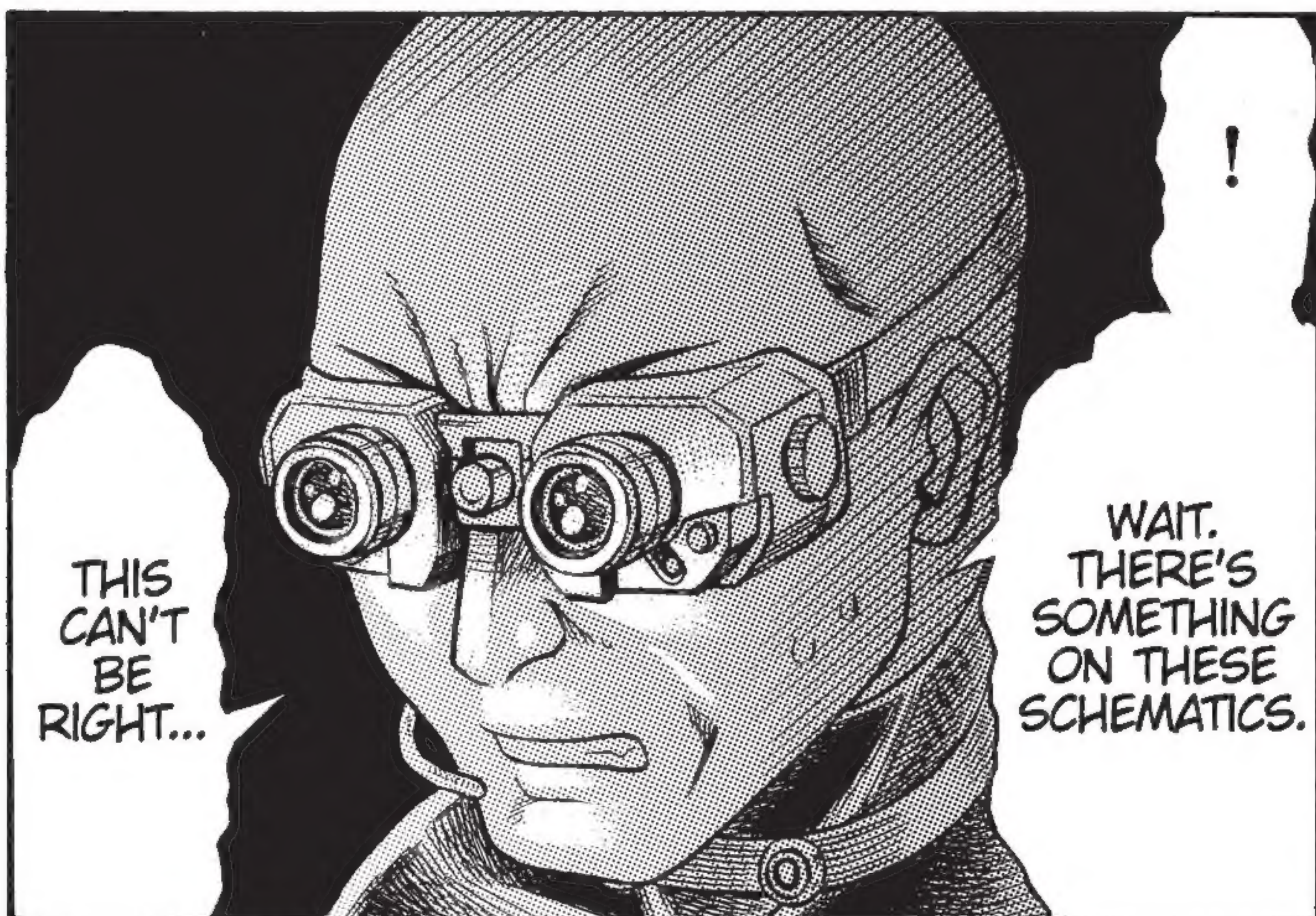
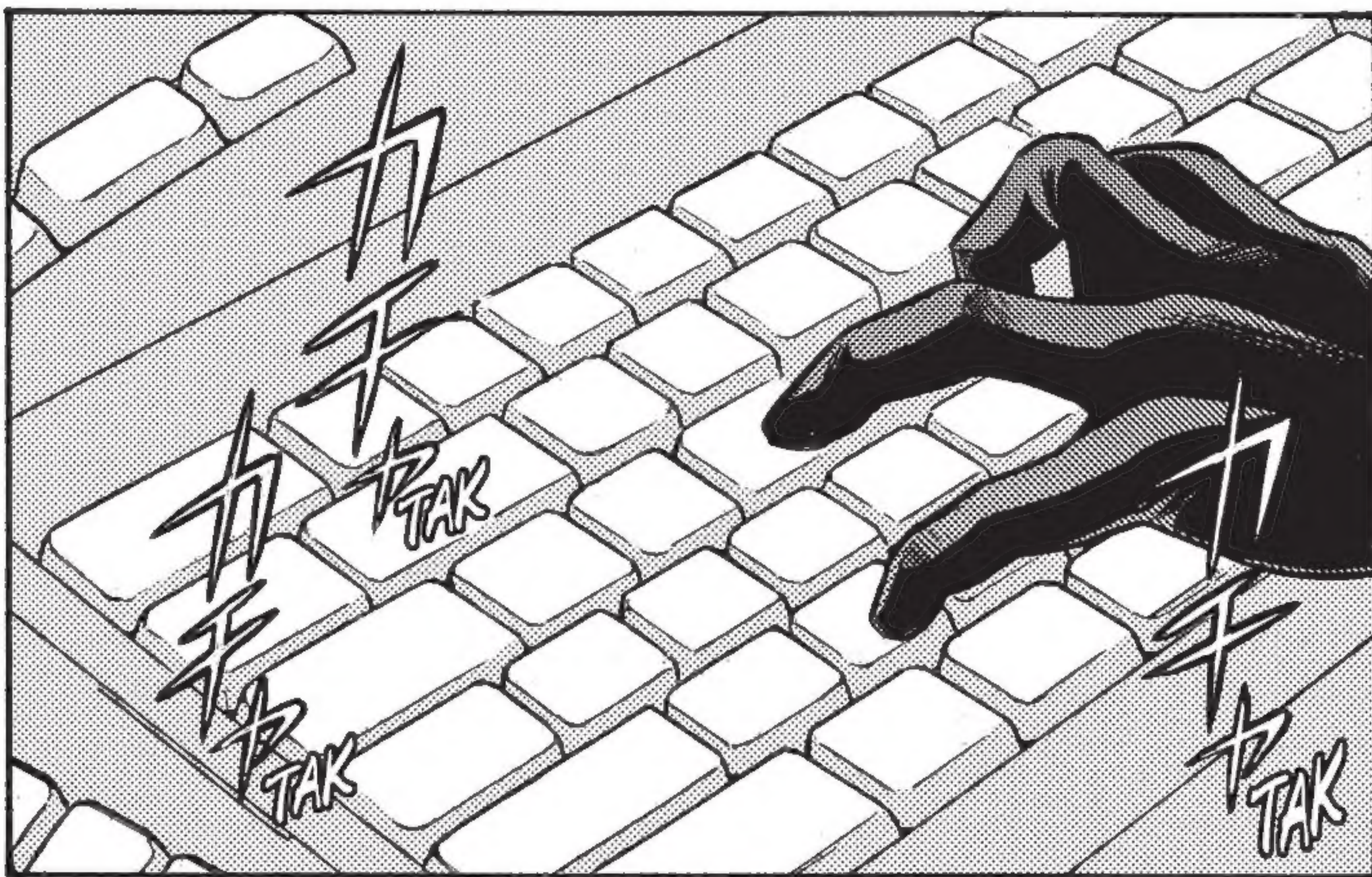
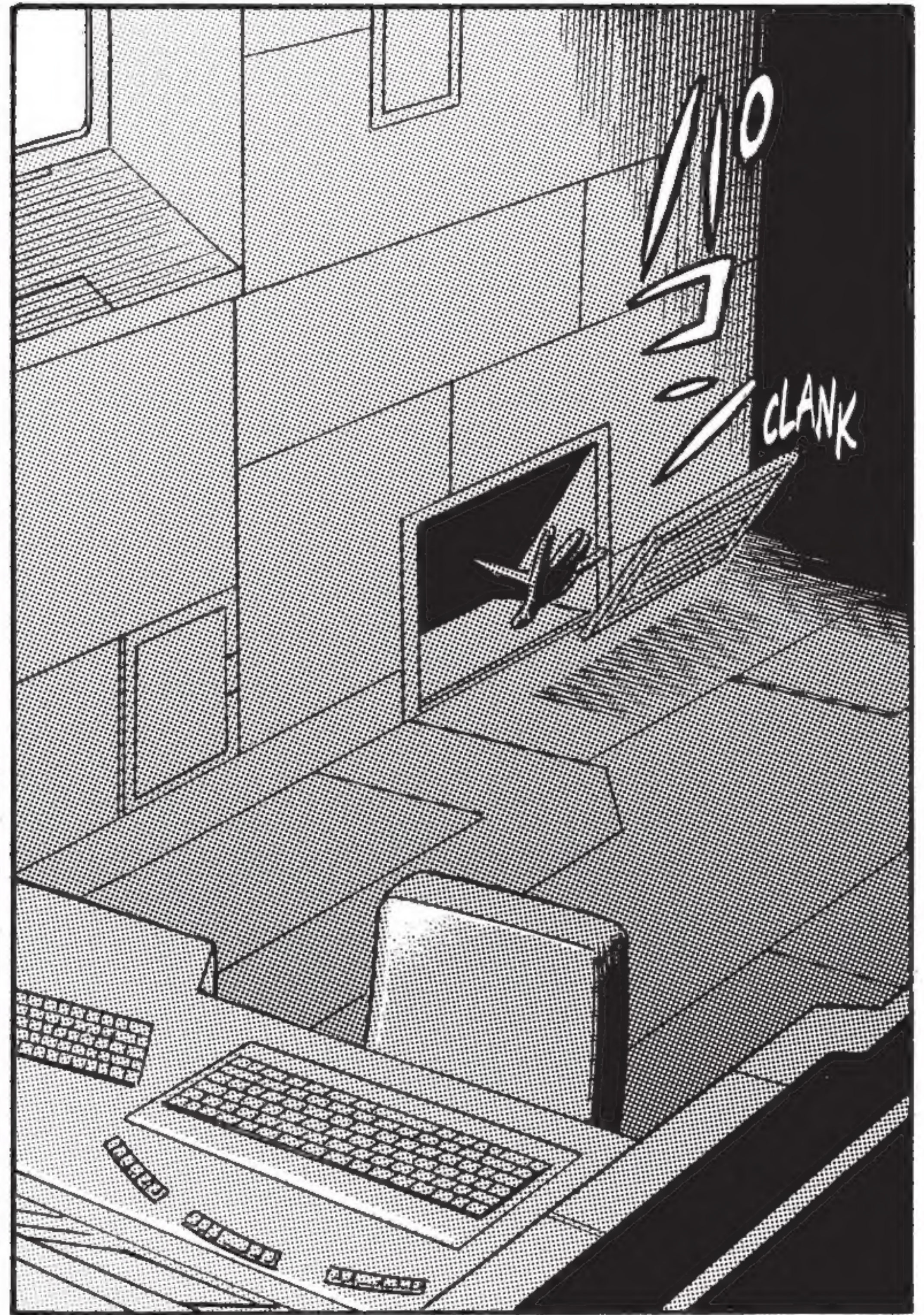
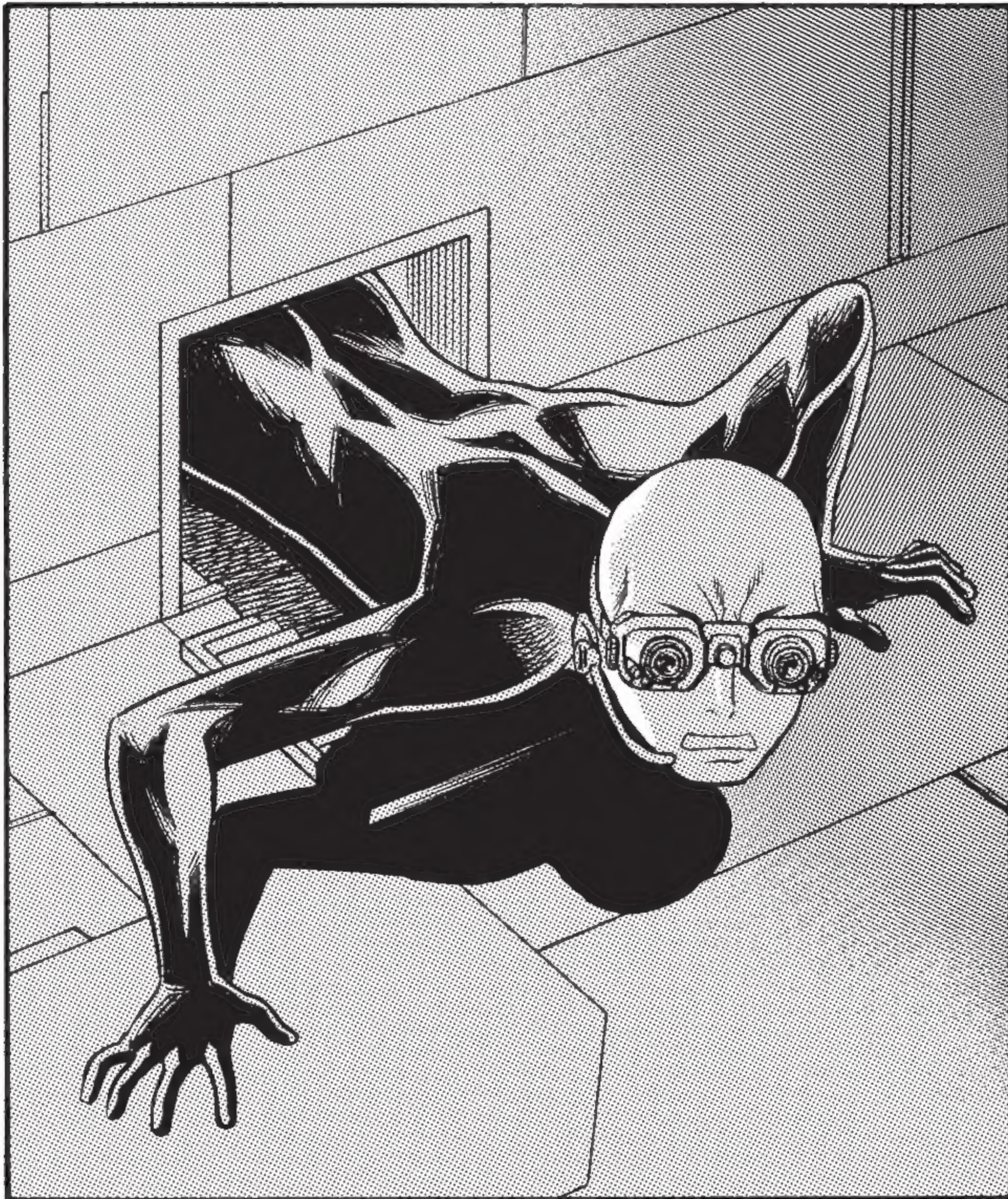
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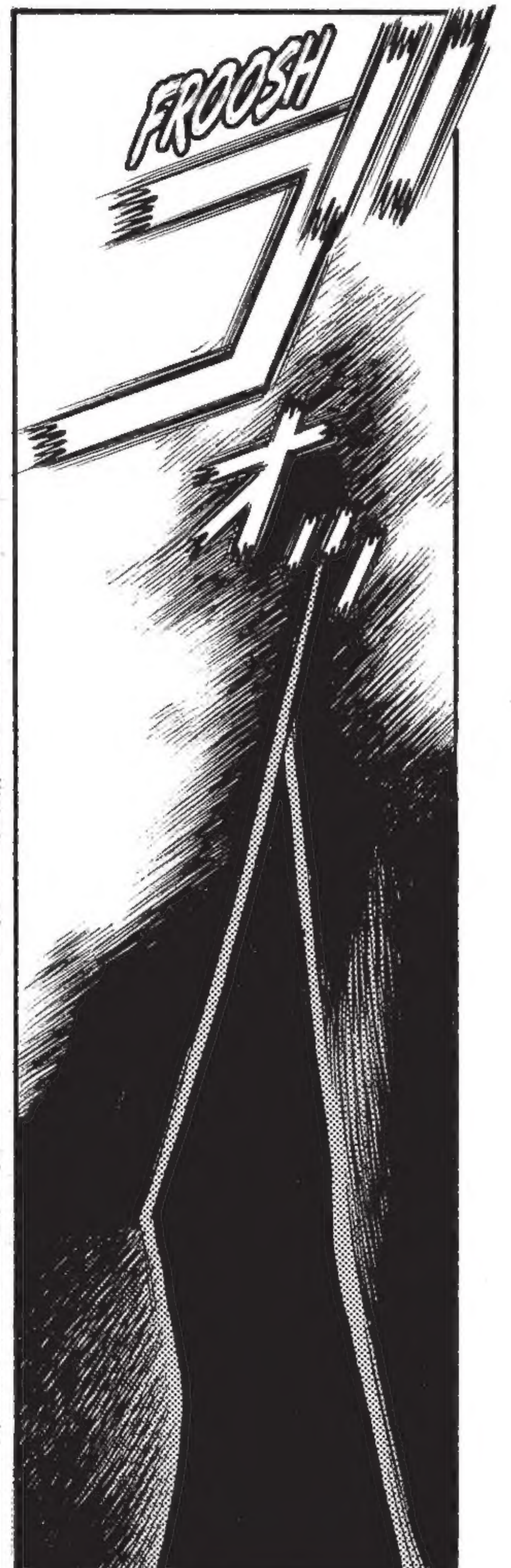
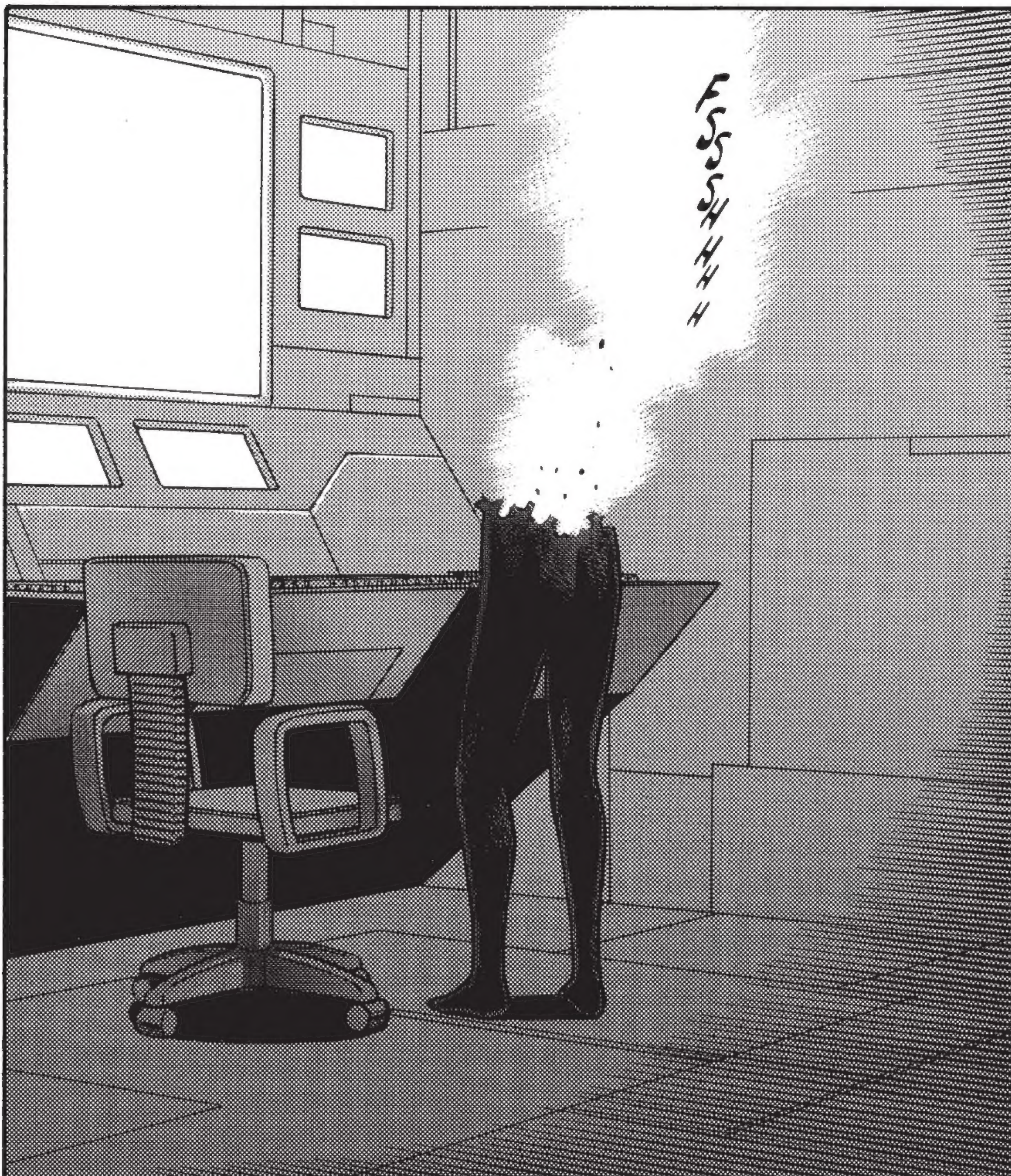
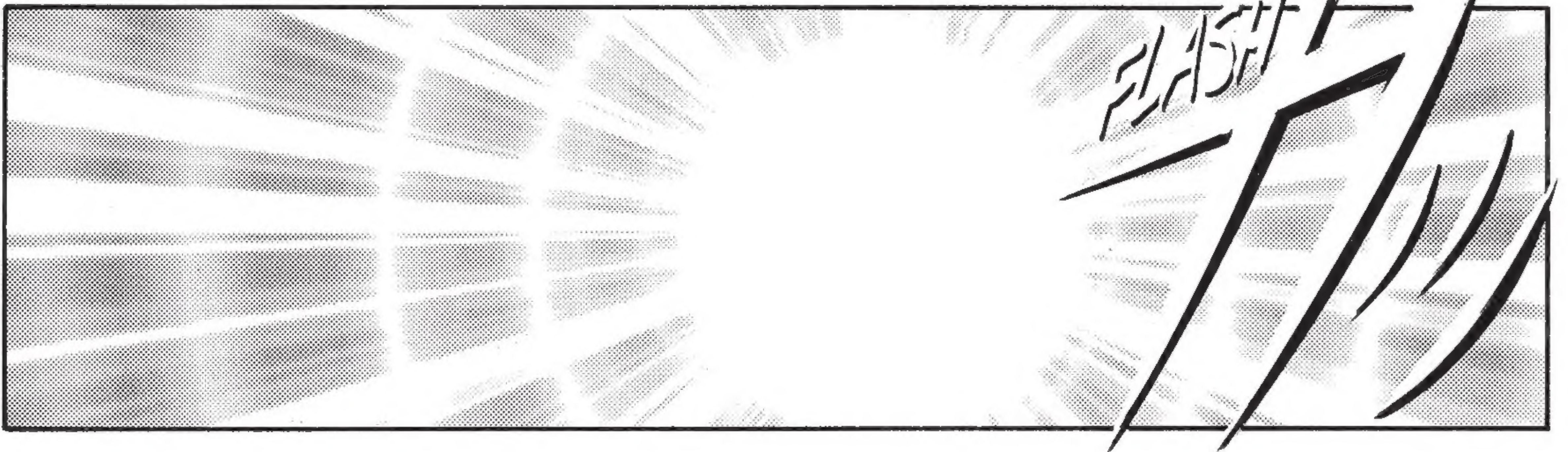
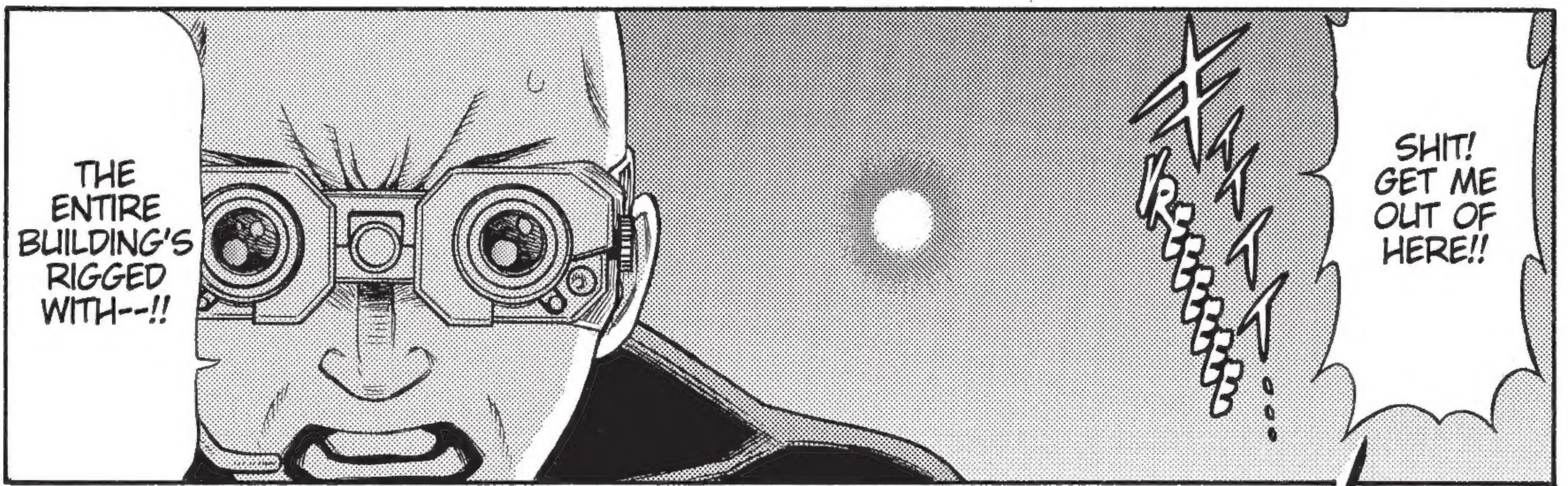
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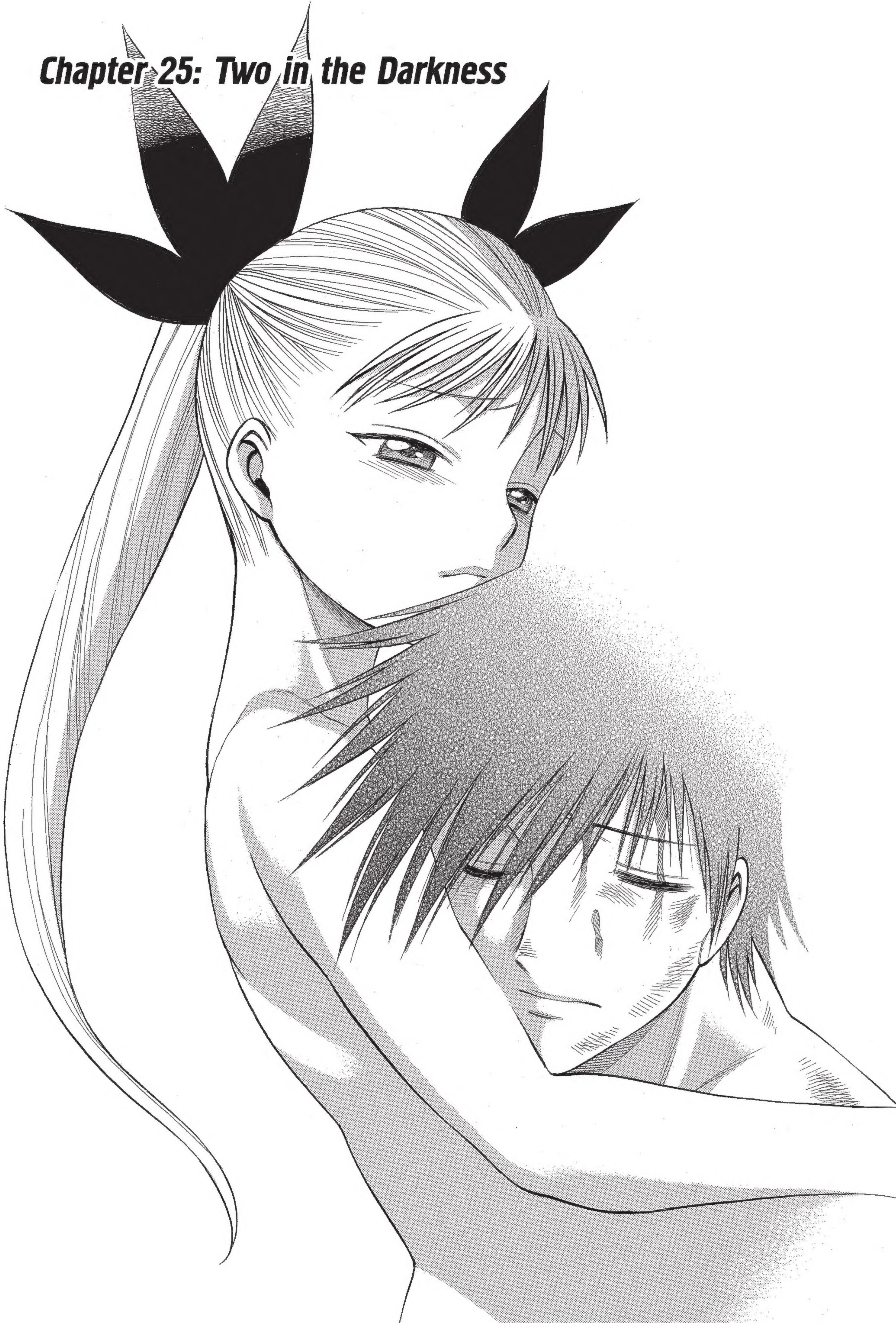
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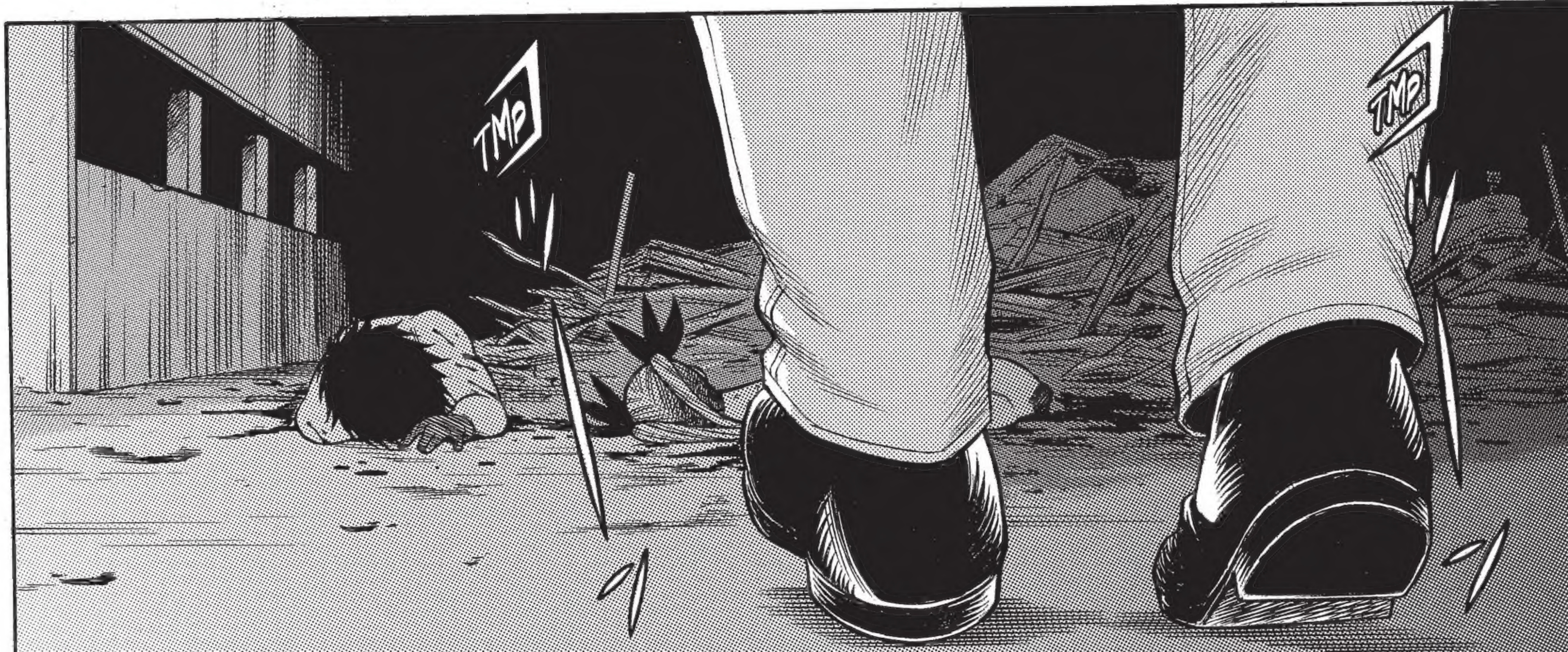
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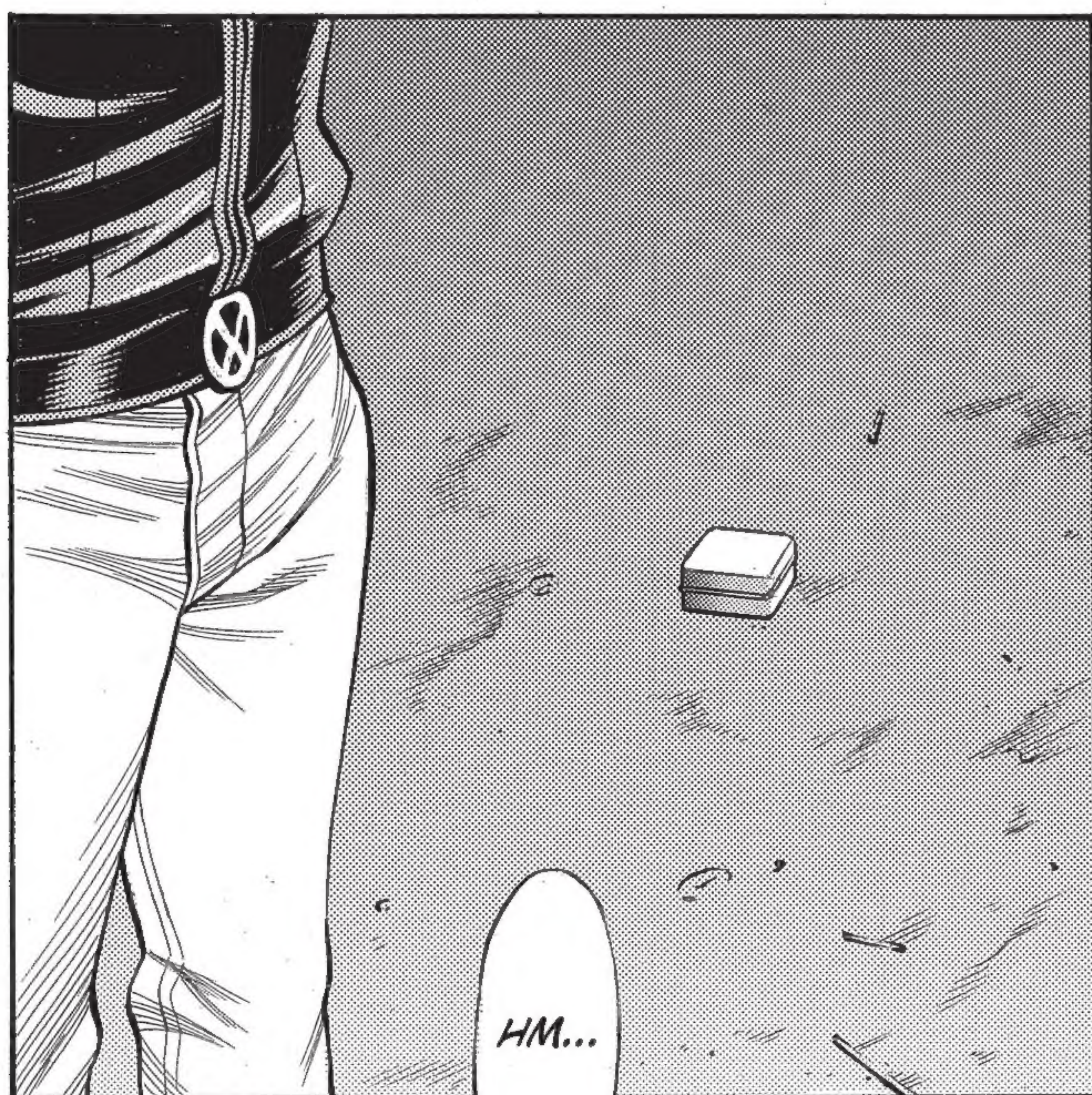
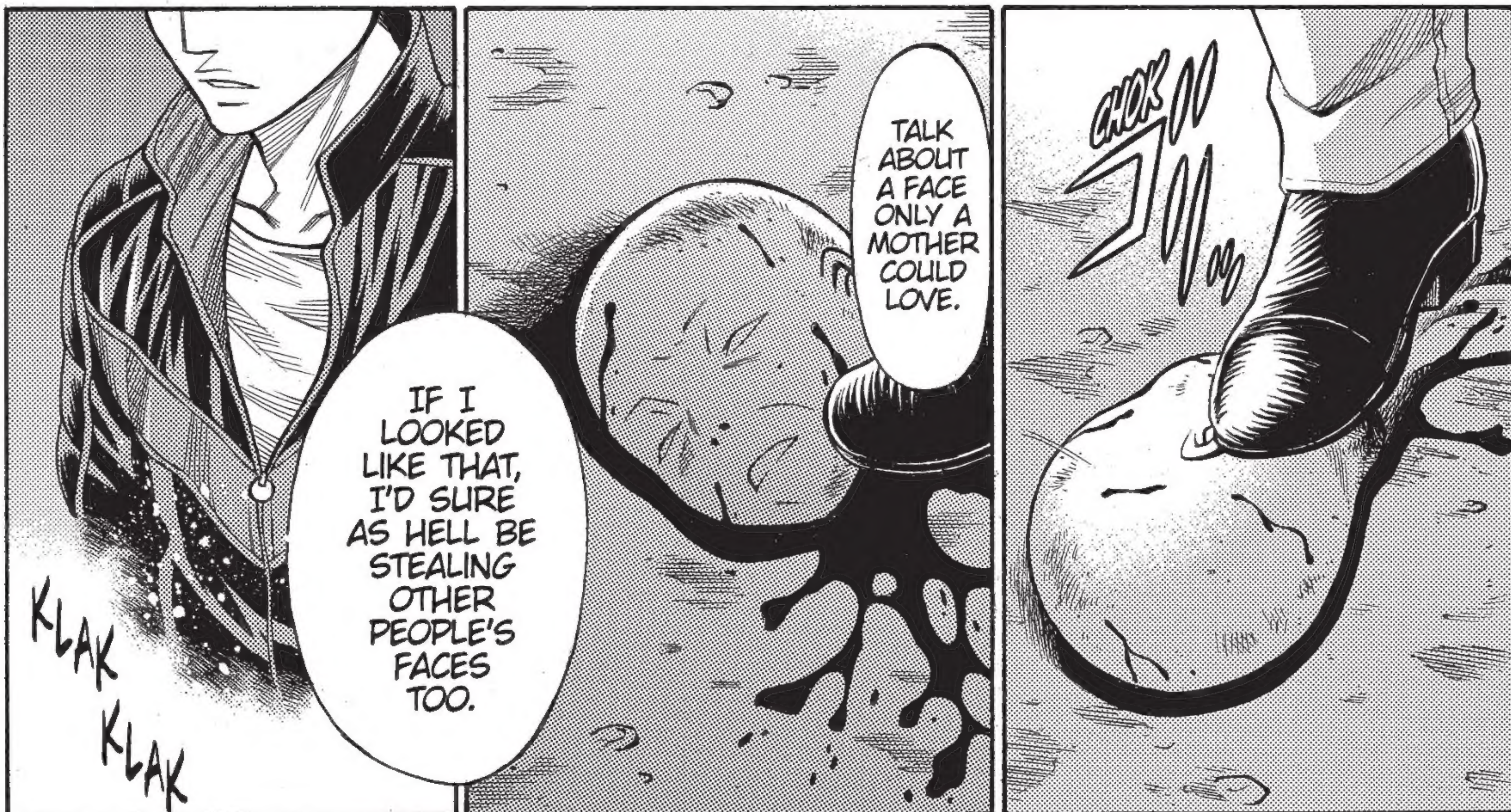


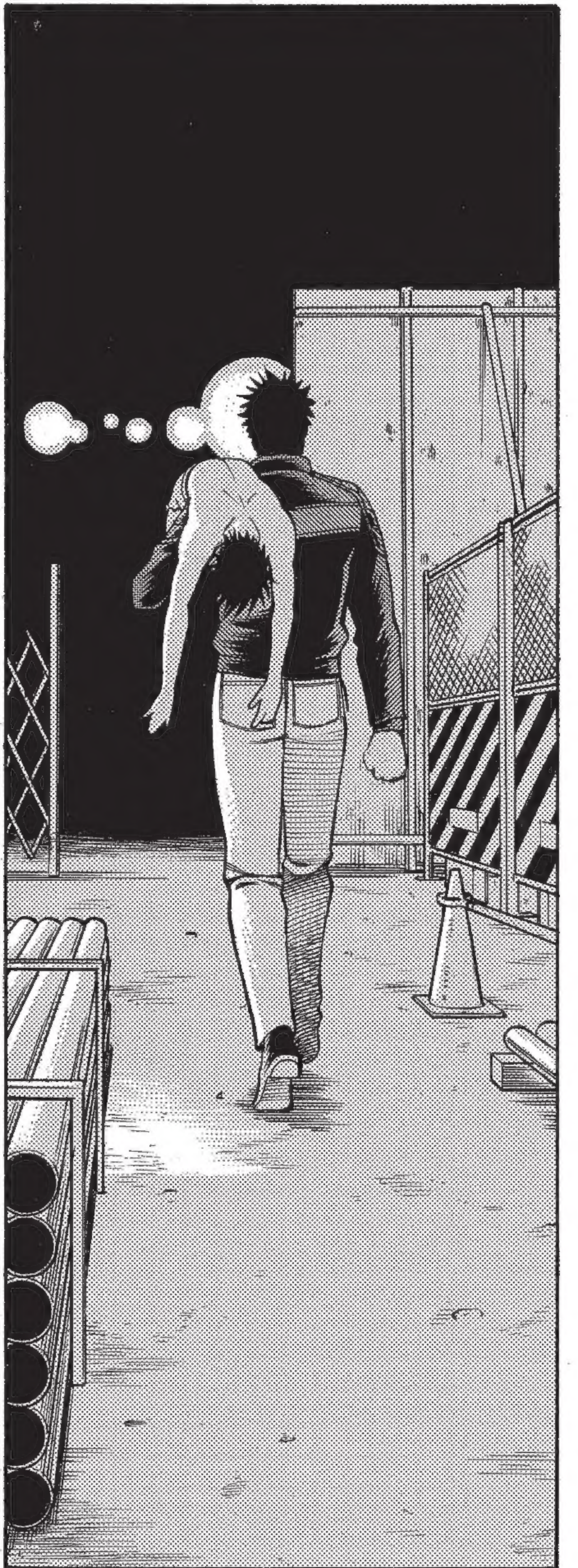
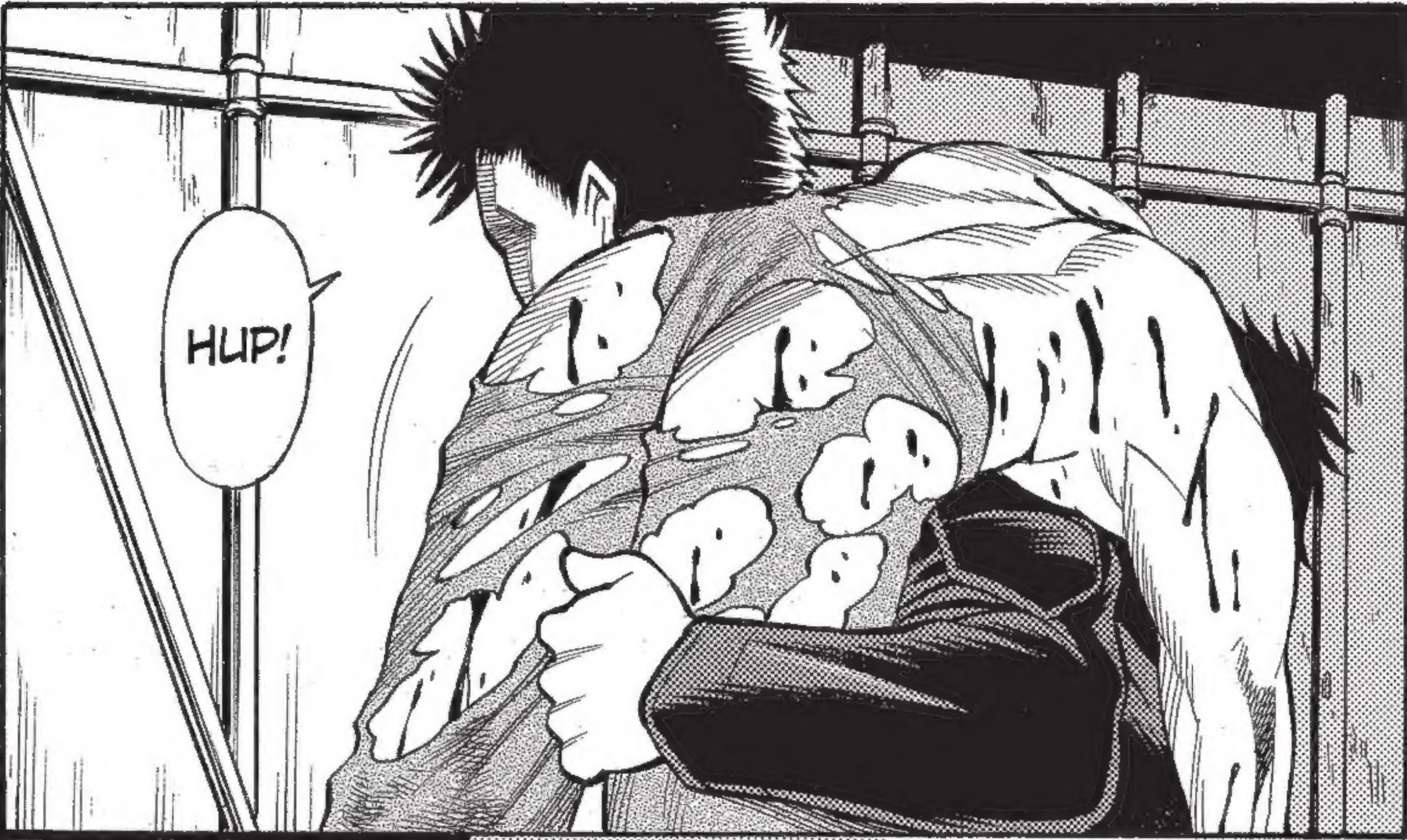


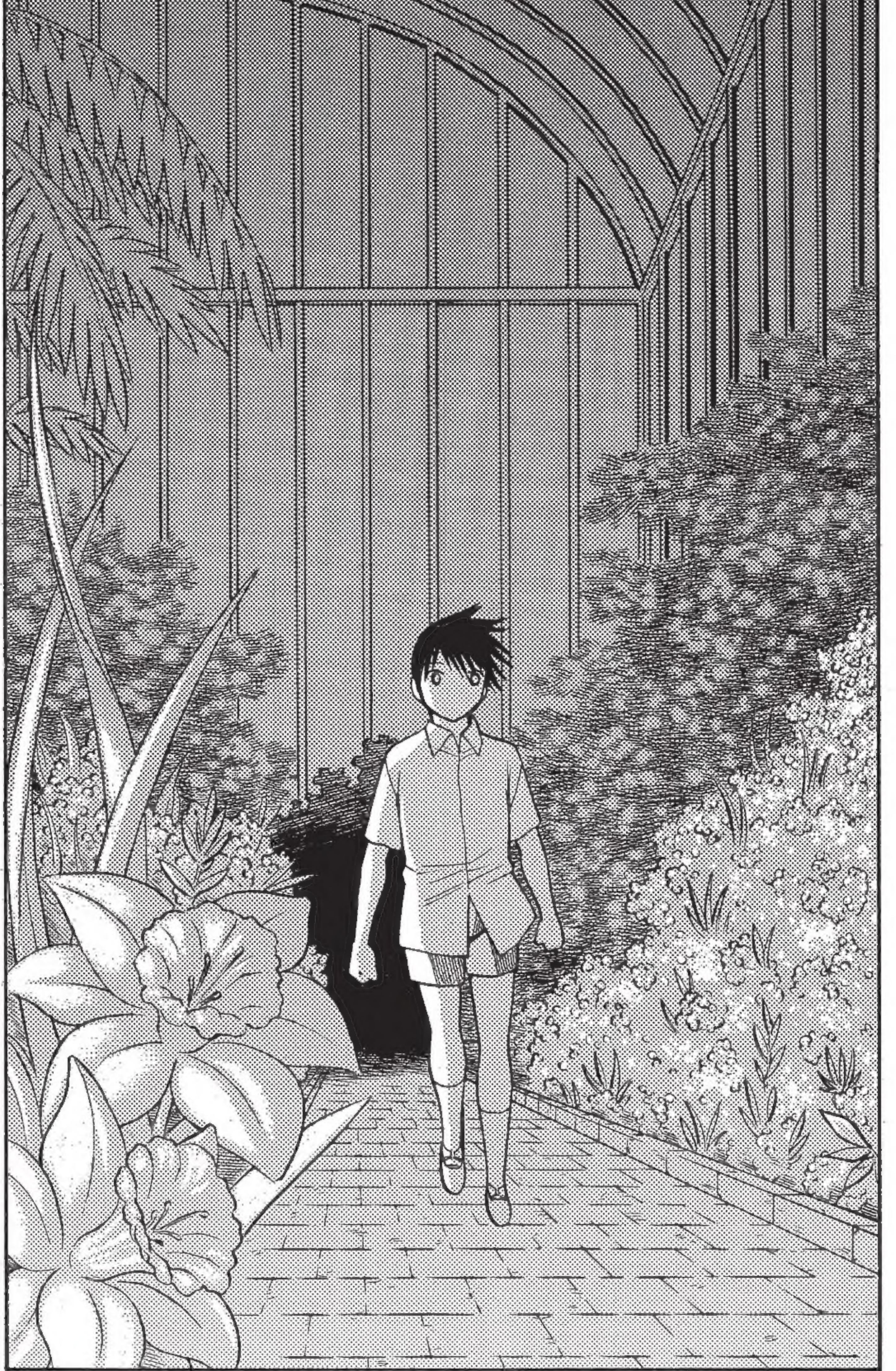
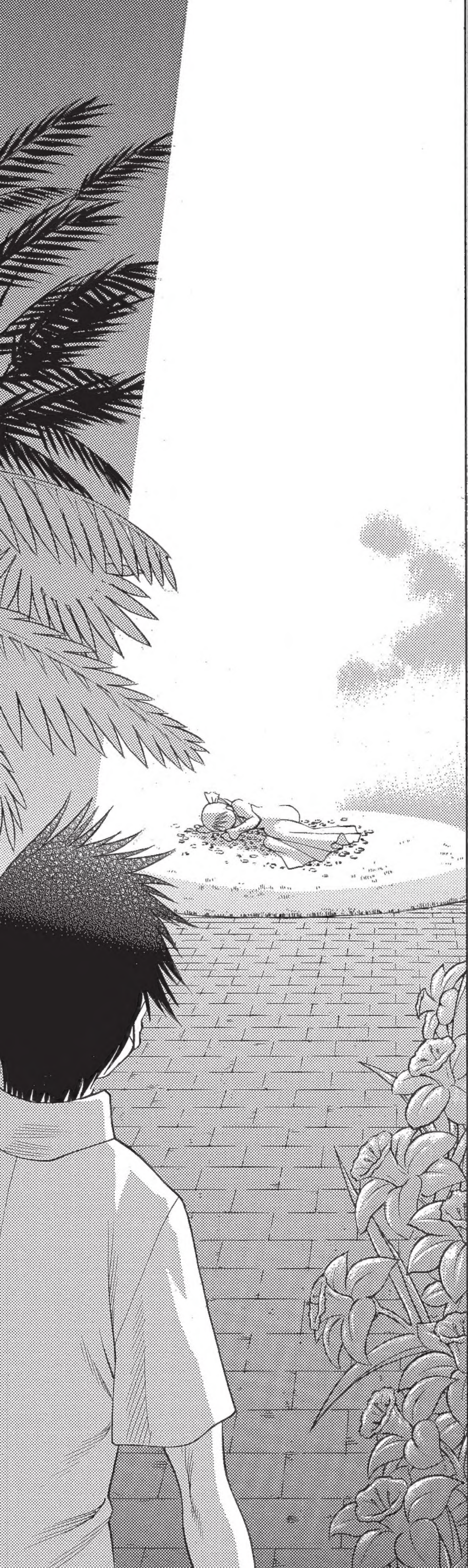
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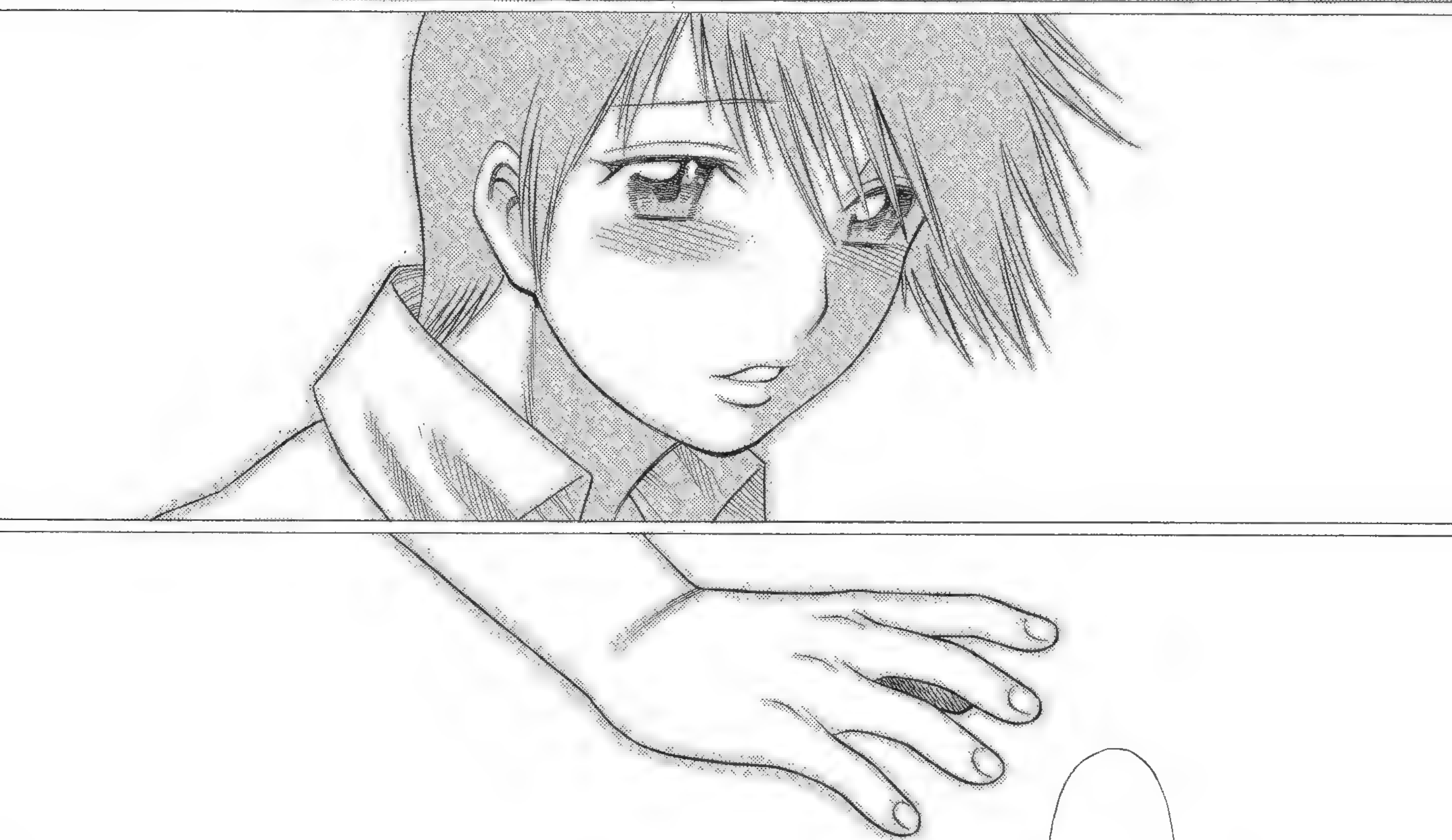












...HEY...



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
?



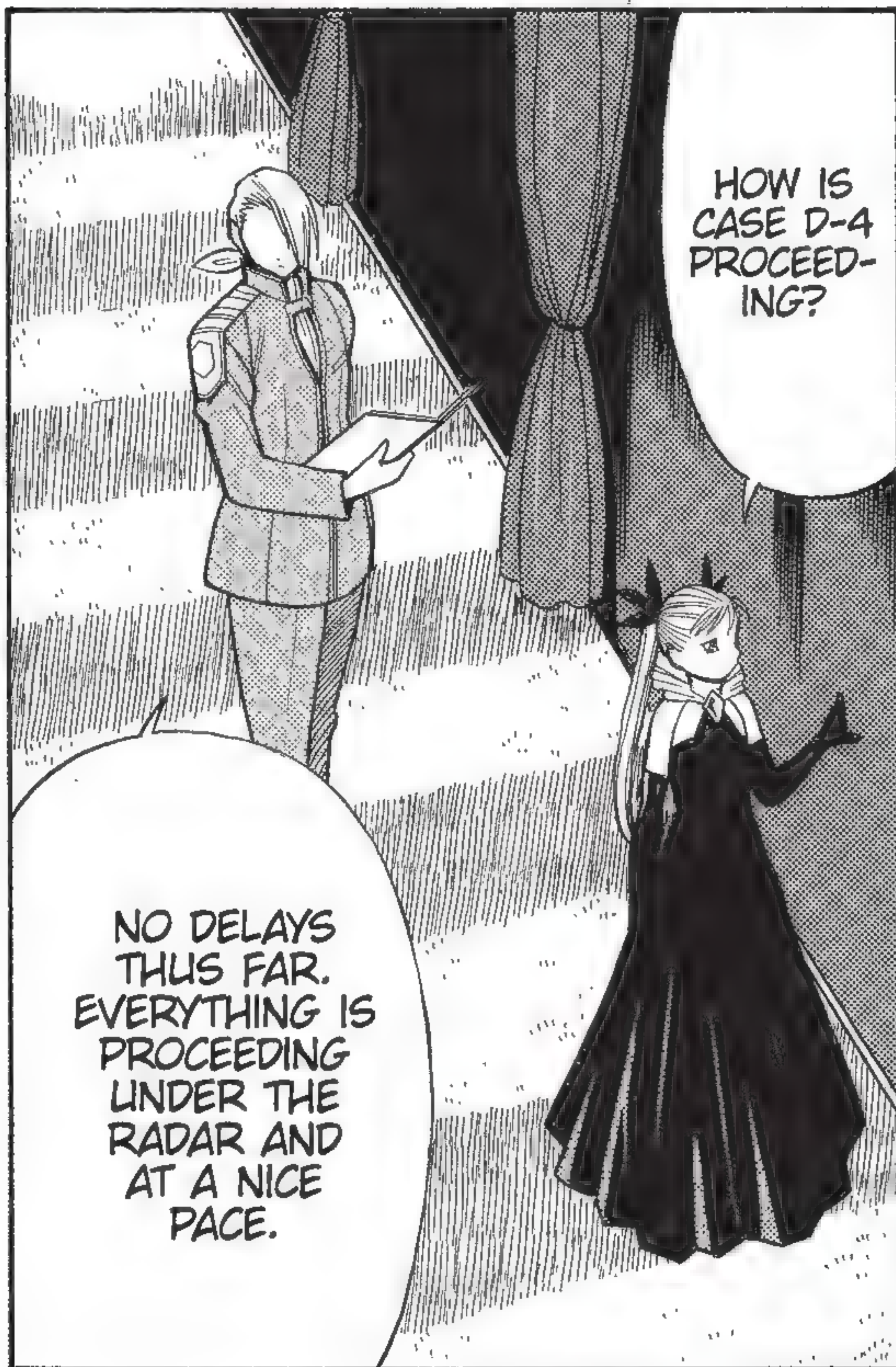
"WHAT'S WRONG?"

"DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT?"



I WAS JUST THINKING OF THE FIRST WORDS AKIRA EVER SAID TO ME. THEY WERE SO CUTE.

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, YOUR MAJESTY?



HOW IS CASE D-4 PROCEEDING?

NO DELAYS THUS FAR. EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING UNDER THE RADAR AND AT A NICE PACE.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

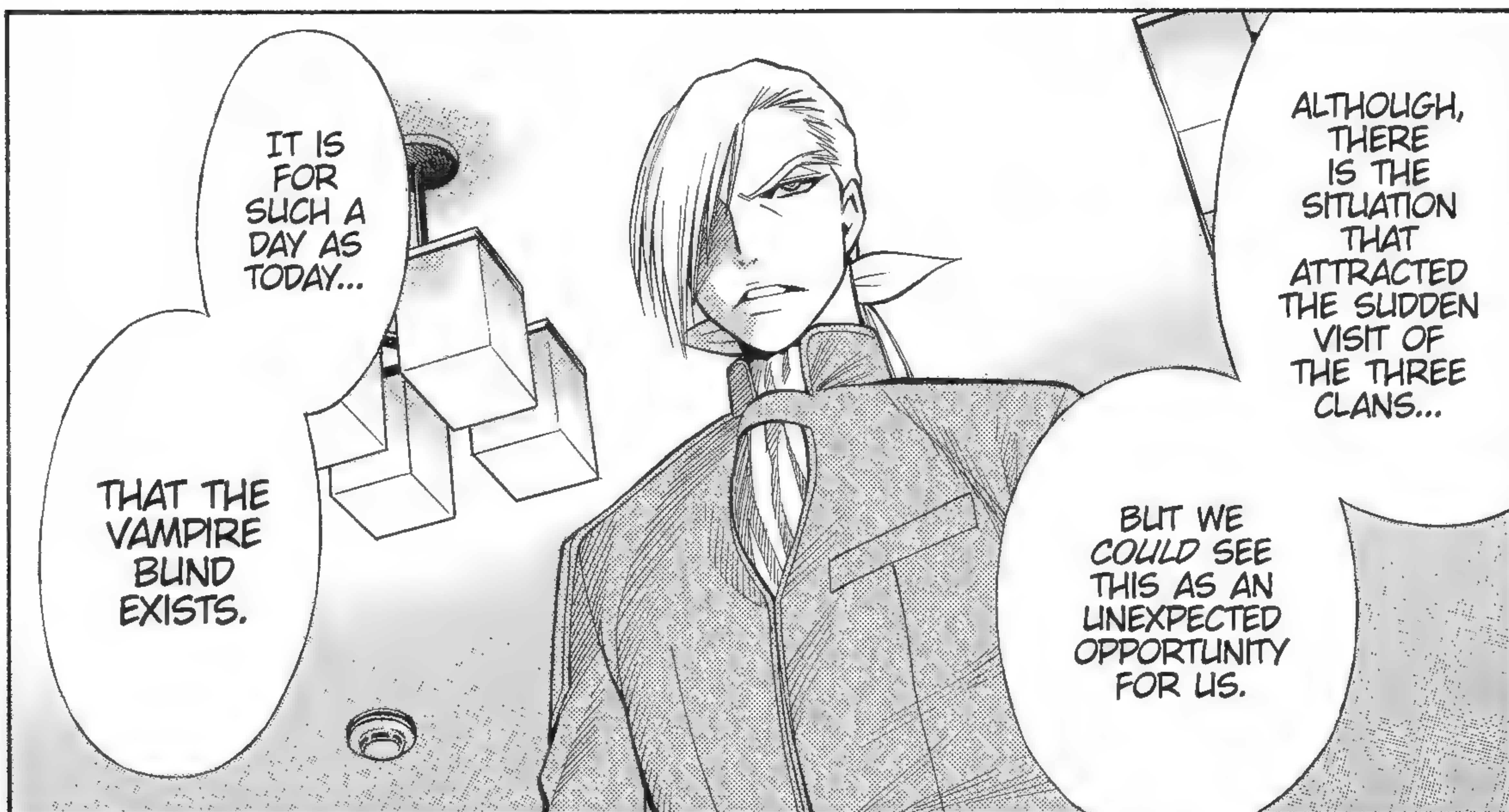
GREAK

SO...



HE WAS IGNORANT OF SUCH THINGS, AFTER ALL.

I EXPECT HE COULD THINK OF NO OTHER REASON FOR A GIRL TO BE CRYING.





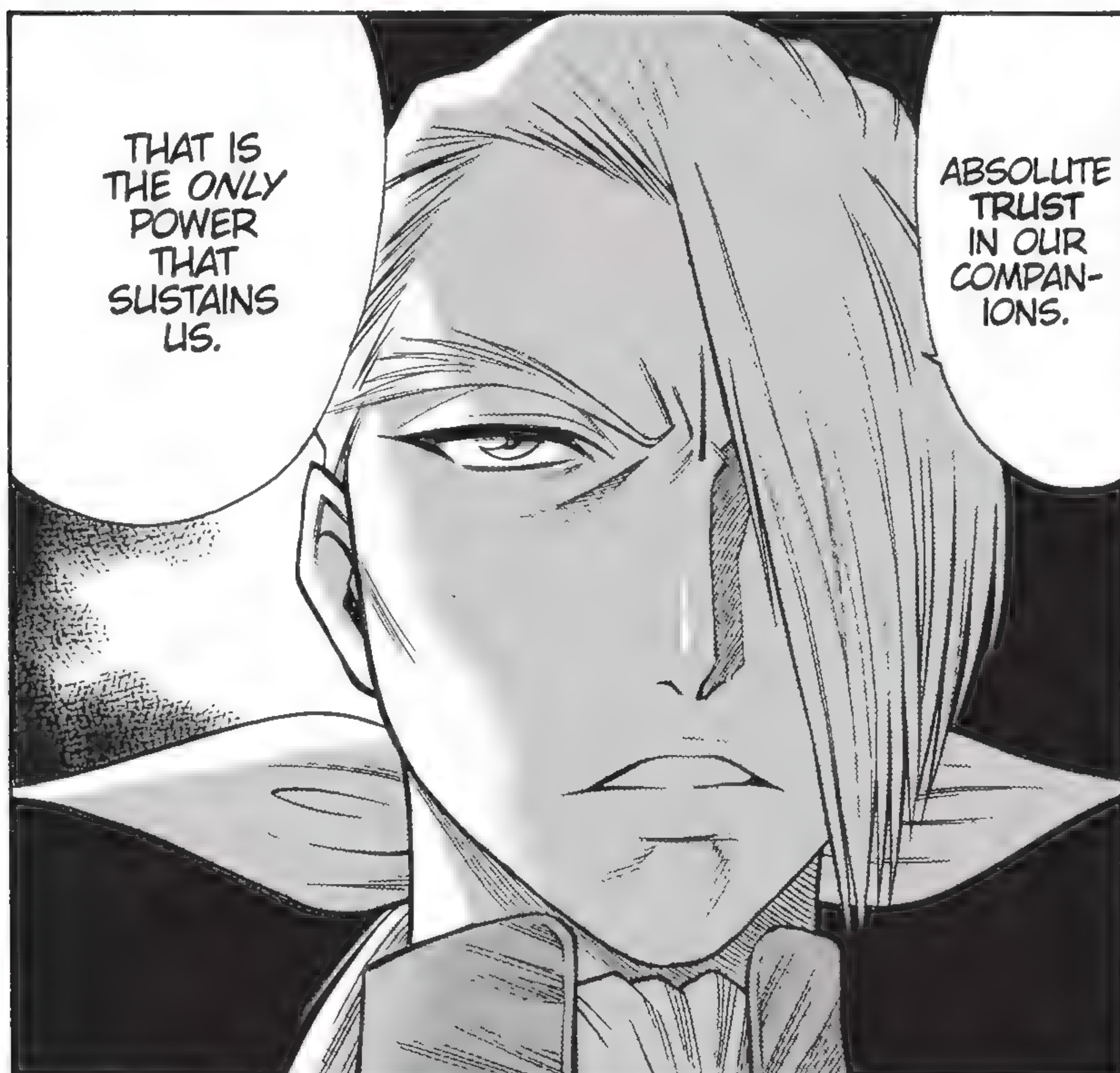
AFTER ALL,
HOW
DARE HE
SUCCEED
WITHOUT
YOUR
PERMIS-
SION!!

TO THINK
SUCH A
JOKE
WOULD
COME FROM
YOUR
MOUTH!



FAILURE
WILL
NOT BE
FOR-
GIVEN.

YOUR
MAJESTY'S
FATE AND
TODAY'S
SUCCESS
REST
SQUARELY
ON HIS
SHOULDERS.



THAT IS
THE ONLY
POWER
THAT
SUSTAINS
US.

ABSOLUTE
TRUST
IN OUR
COMPAN-
IONS.

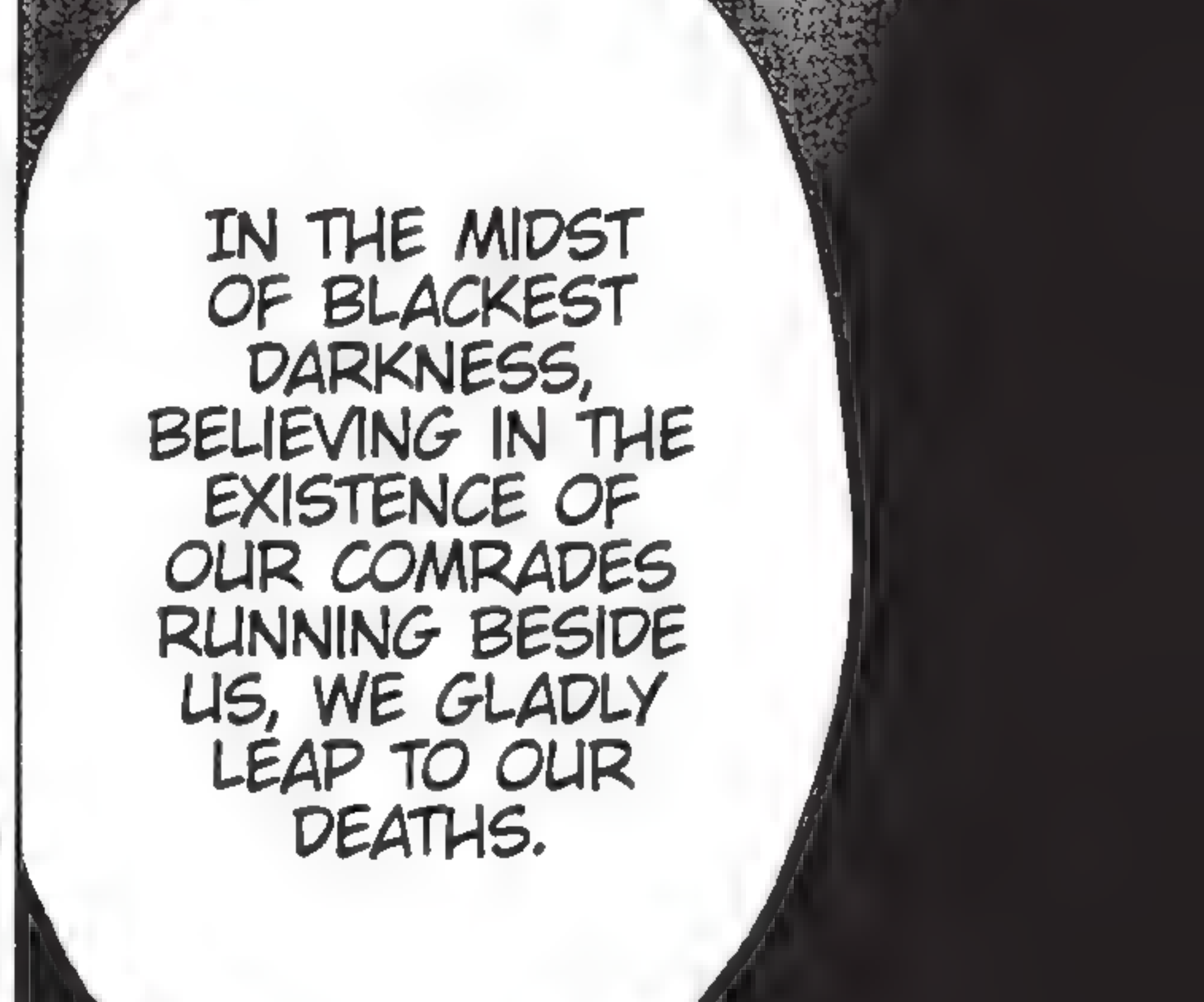


WE
WOLVES
ALWAYS
WORK
ALONE.



WHY
AM I
NOT
SUR-
PRISED
?

SO YOU
BELIEVE
IN
HIM ONLY AS
A COMRADE,
NOT AS A
PARENT?!



IN THE MIDST
OF BLACKEST
DARKNESS,
BELIEVING IN THE
EXISTENCE OF
OUR COMRADES
RUNNING BESIDE
US, WE GLADLY
LEAP TO OUR
DEATHS.



AKIRA
...

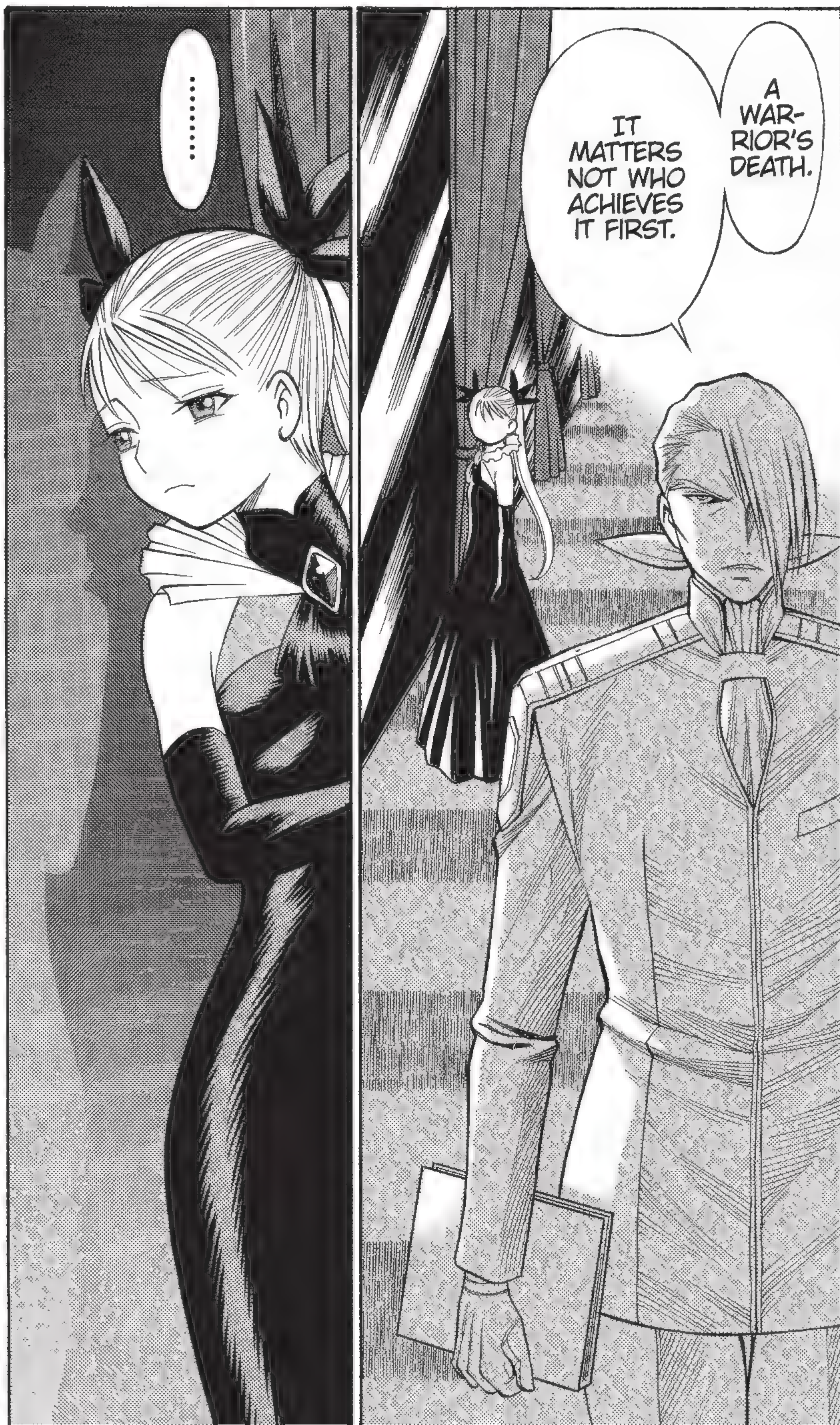
DON'T
YOU
DARE
DIE ON
ME...



WHAT IF
YOU JUMPED
TO YOUR
DEATH,
ONLY TO FIND
THAT YOUR
COMRADE
HAD LONG
SINCE
FALLEN?!

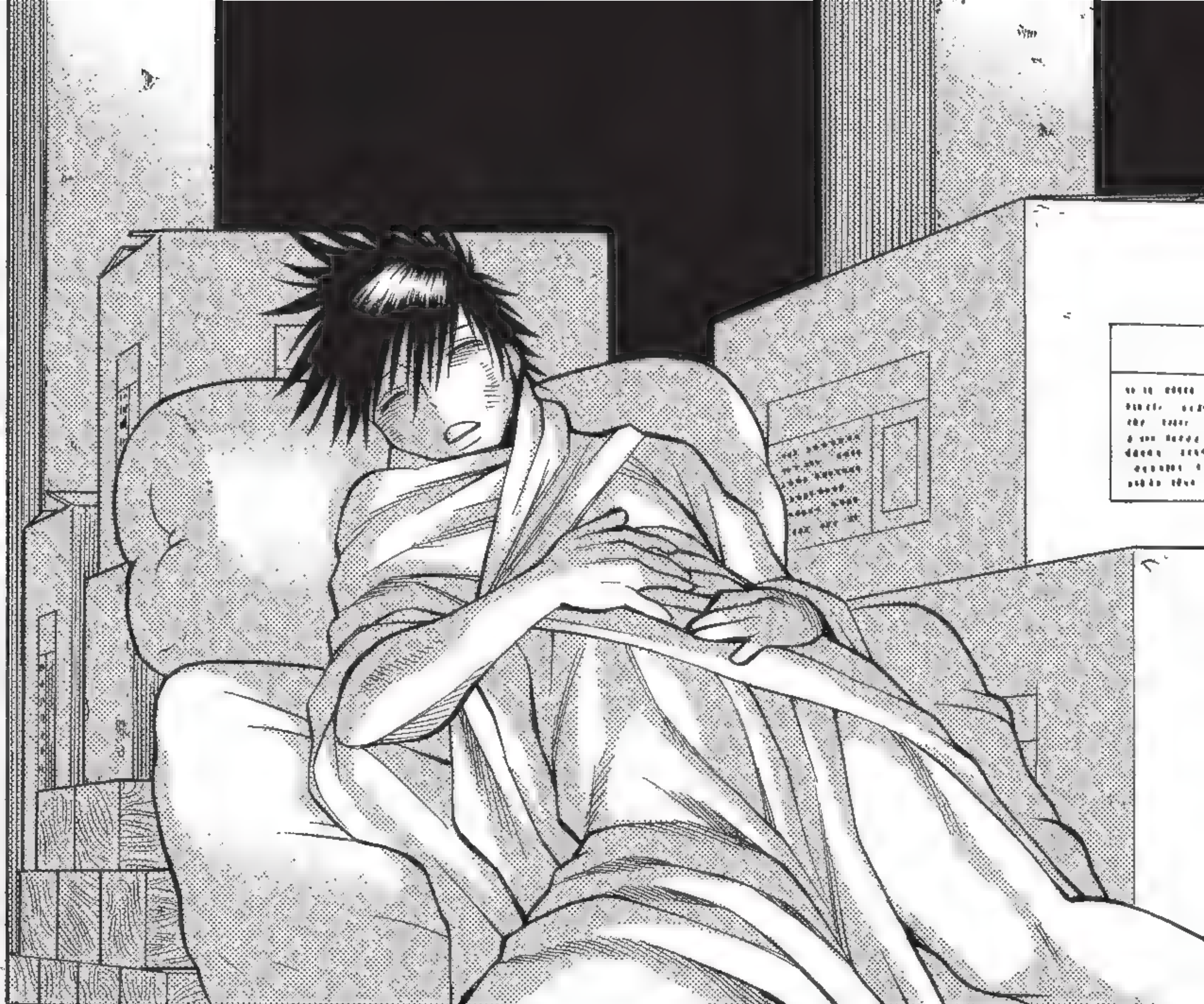
WHAT IF
THOSE
COMRADES
NEVER
COME?
WHAT
THEN?!

TELL
ME!



IT
MATTERS
NOT WHO
ACHIEVES
IT FIRST.

A
WAR-
RIOR'S
DEATH.





HUH?
HADN'T
YOU
HEARD?

YOU
DO?!

I LIVE
HERE.



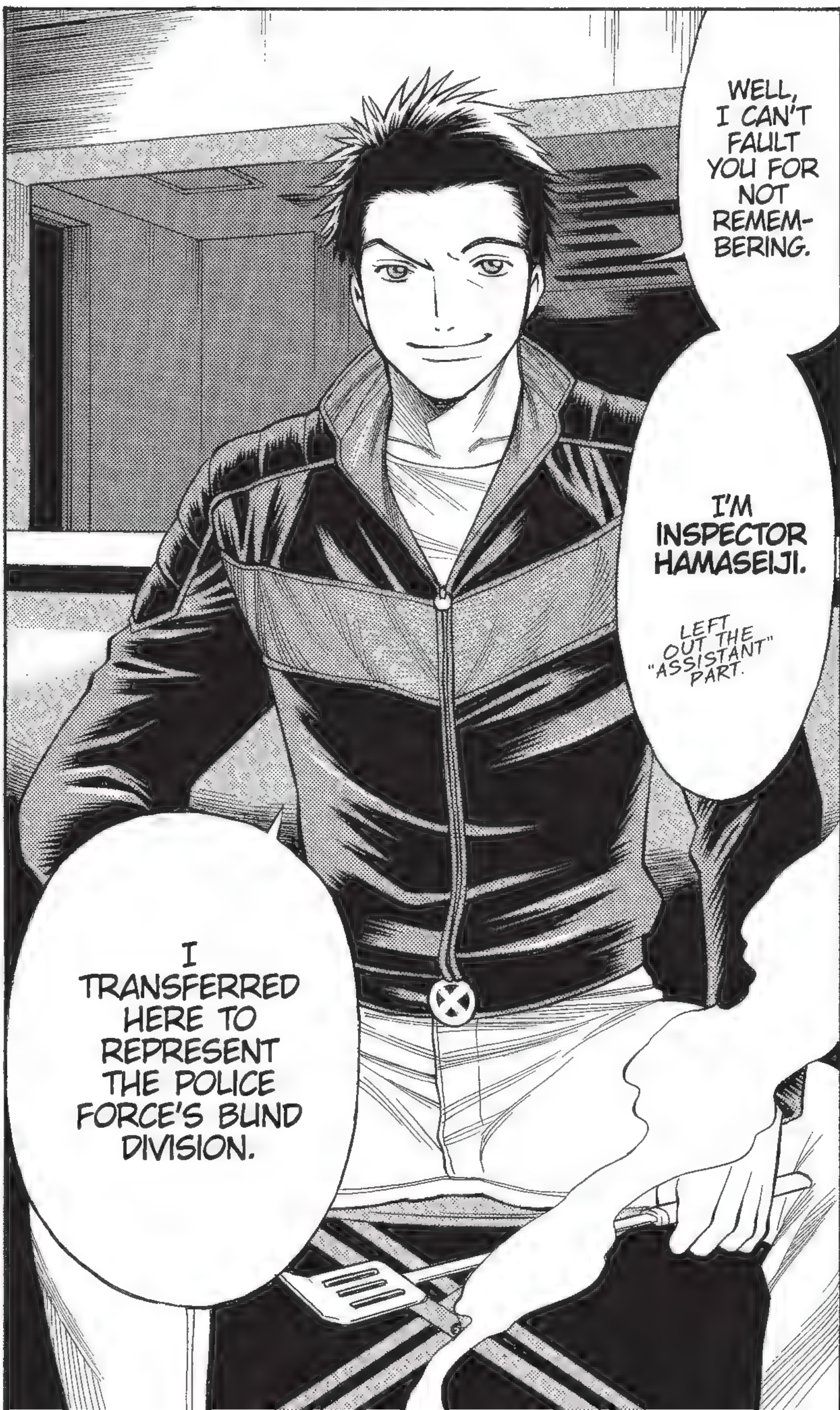
BUT
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!

I
REMEMBER
YOU!
YOU'RE
THAT
INSPECTOR
GLY!



THE
BLIND
DIVISION
?

YUP.
THIS IS
THE OFFICE
RIGHT HERE.
STILL PRETTY
EMPTY,
THOUGH,
BUT IT'S
HOME.



WELL,
I CAN'T
FAULT
YOU FOR
NOT
REMEM-
BERING.

I'M
INSPECTOR
HAMASEIJI.

LEFT
OUT THE
"ASSISTANT"
PART.

I
TRANSFERRED
HERE TO
REPRESENT
THE POLICE
FORCE'S BLIND
DIVISION.



OF COURSE, I'M THE ONLY EMPLOYEE HERE... BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.

THEY HAD TO OPEN UP AN OFFICE WITHIN THE BLIND.

SEE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE VAMPIRIC TERRORIST INCIDENTS-- YOU KNOW, LIKE THE ONE THAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY...



ANYWAY, HERE YOU GO.

WHAT YOU NEED NOW IS SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED MEAT AND POTATOES.

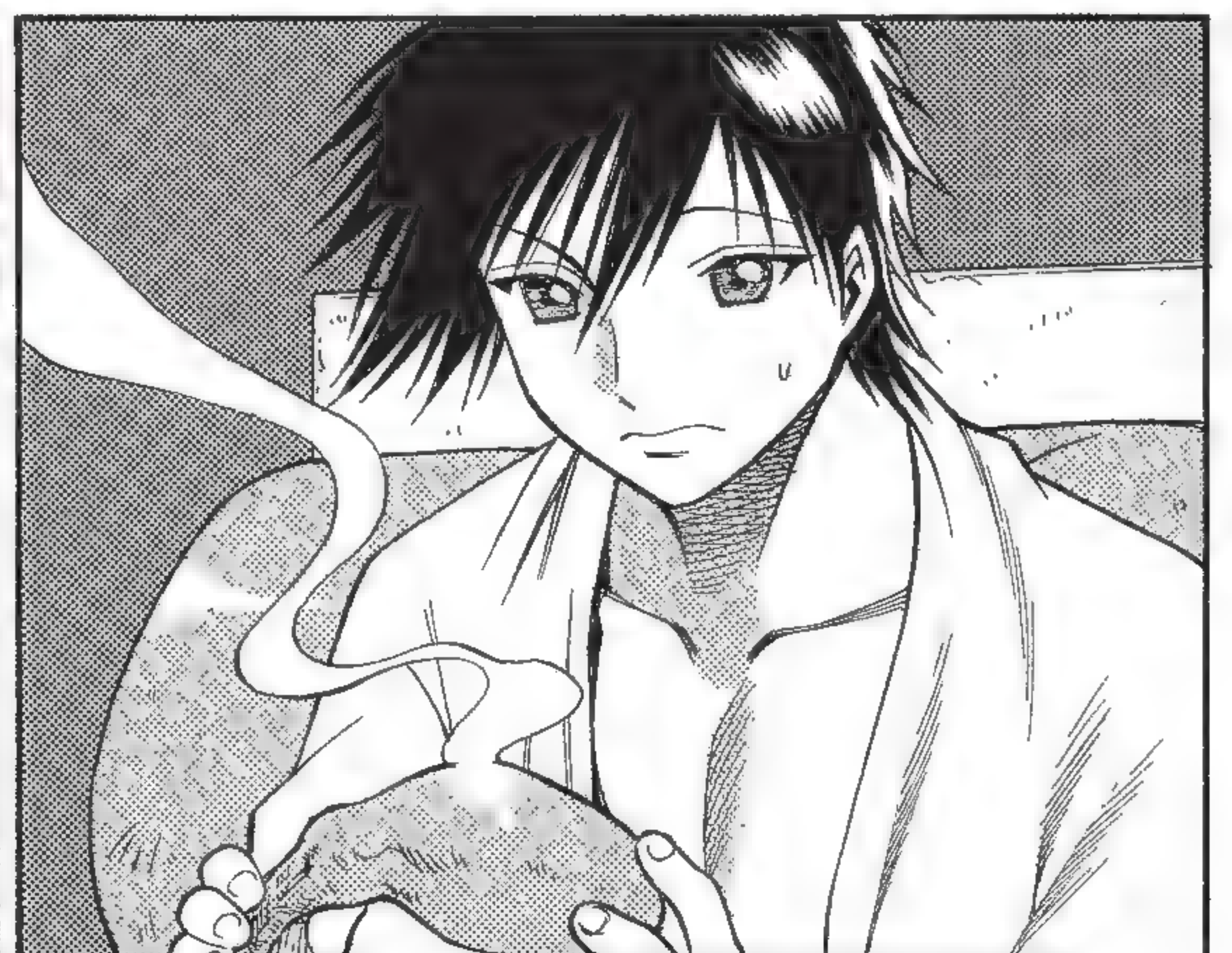


YUP! THEY SAID I WAS THE ONLY IDIOT STUPID ENOUGH TO STAY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

JUST YOU...?

HECK, COUNCILOR GOTOH EVEN NOMINATED ME PERSONALLY.

SHE CAN BE A REAL BITCH SOMETIMES!







I'VE GOT TO BE STRONG.

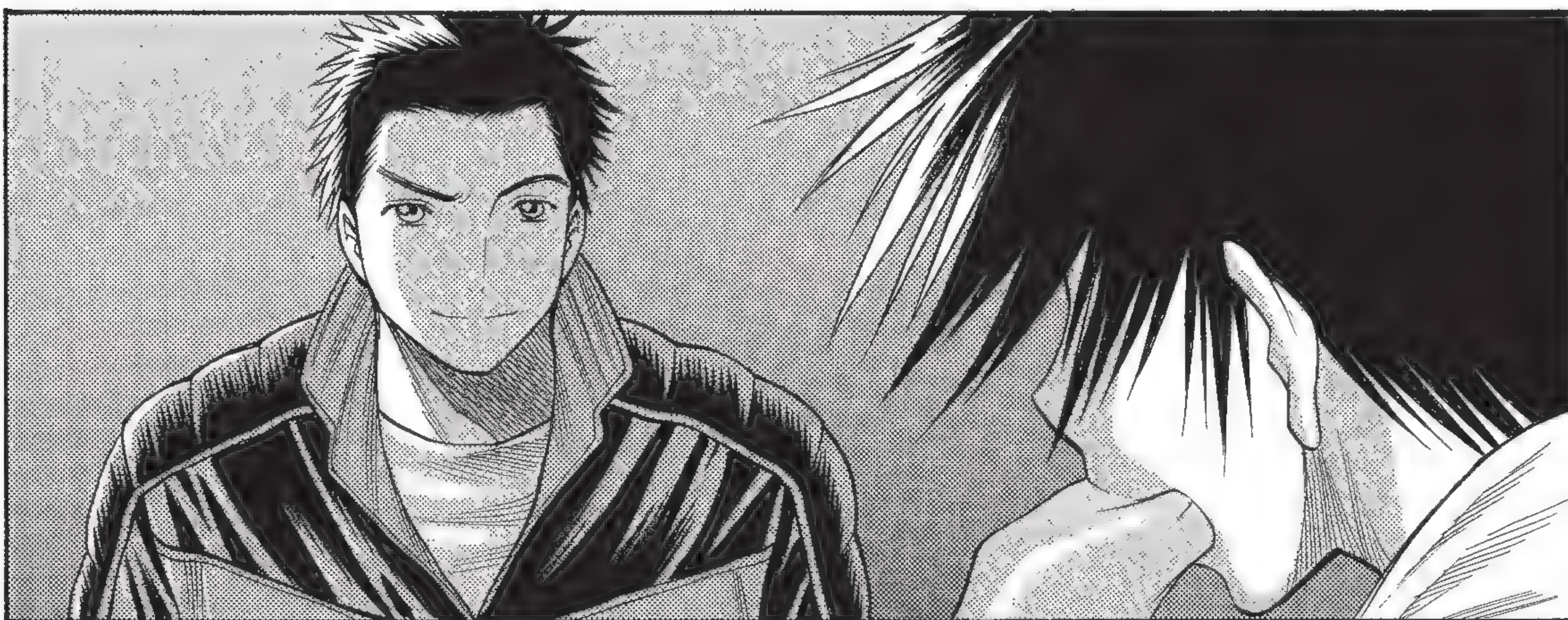
THAT'S OKAY.

I CAN'T LET MYSELF THINK TOO HARD ABOUT IT.



HERE, I'VE GOT SOME SOUP HERE TOO.

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GET USED TO IT, YOU BLOCK-HEAD.



WHOA, YOU CAN TELL?! THAT'S AWESOME!



THIS IS GOOD ...

THE GLAZE ON THE SKIN, IS THIS ORANGE JUICE? NO, MAYBE A LIQUEUR...



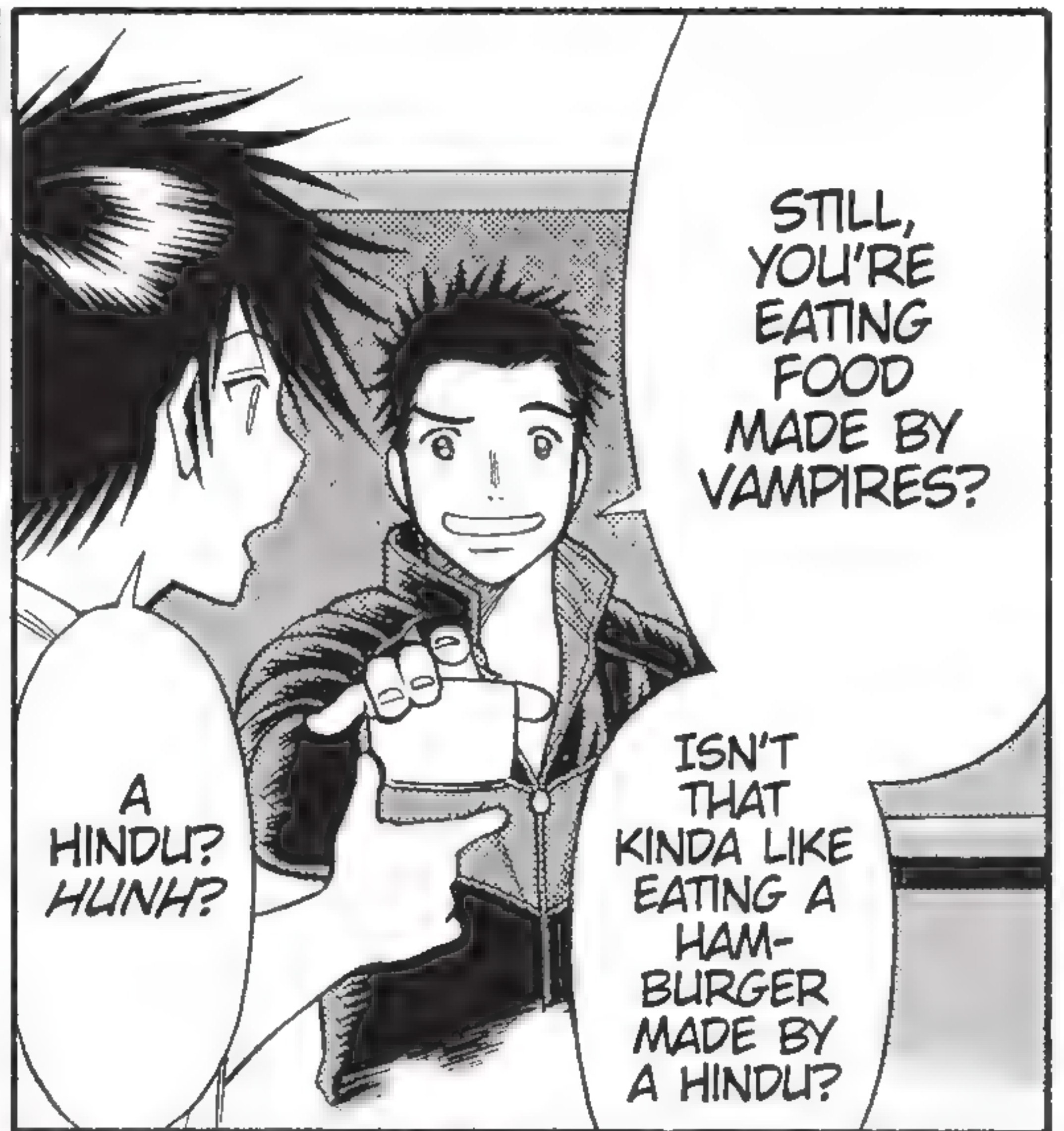
WELL, THERE'S NO HURRY.

THIS TOWN HAS ITS CHARMS, BUT TRYING TO FIND FOOD FOR NORMAL HUMANS IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.





I MEAN,
NO ONE
COOKS STUFF
THAT THEY
CAN'T EAT
THEMSELVES.



STILL,
YOU'RE
EATING
FOOD
MADE BY
VAMPIRES?

A
HINDU?
HUNH?

ISN'T
THAT
KINDA LIKE
EATING A
HAM-
BURGER
MADE BY
A HINDU?



I
CHOKED
BECAUSE
IT WAS
SO
STUPID!!

COUGH
COUGH

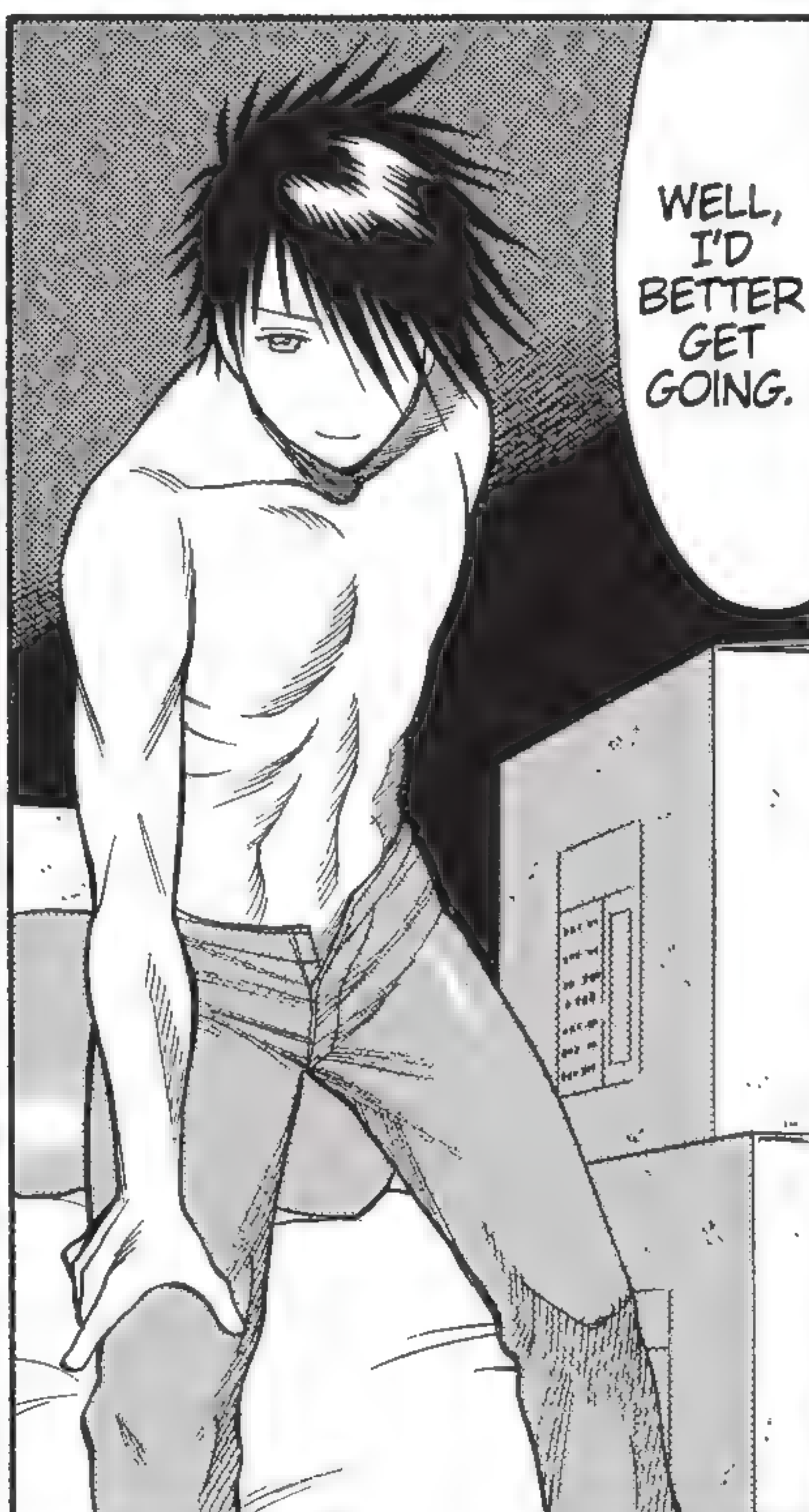
HARDLY
!!

HA
HA!
GET
IT?
♡

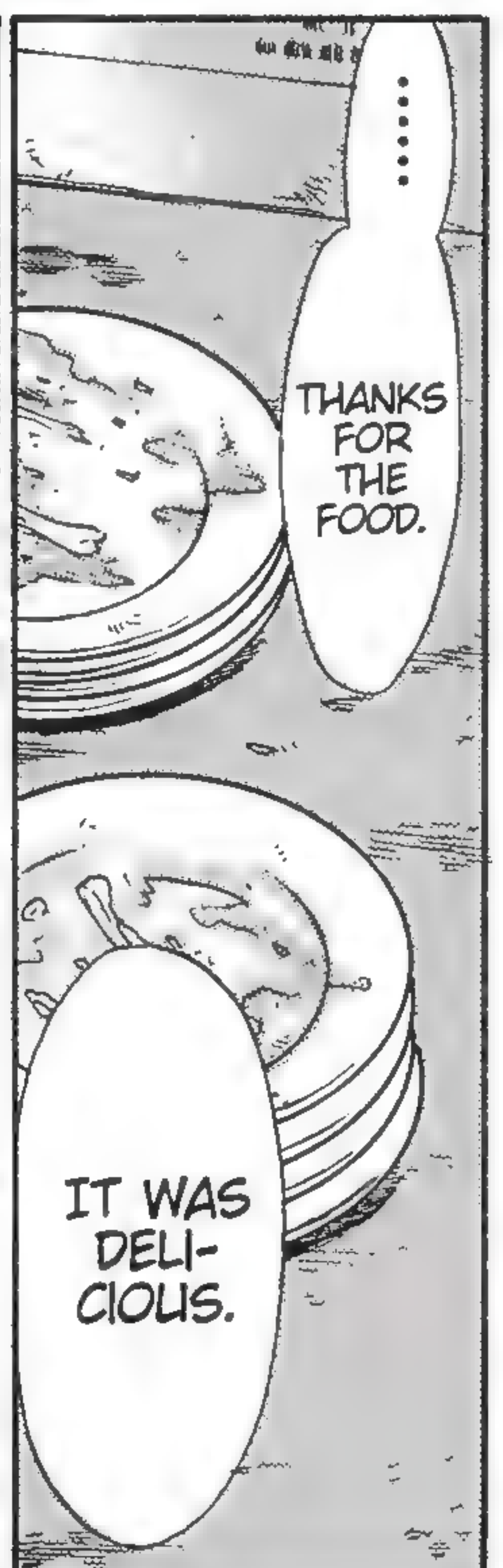


IF I
STAY HERE,
IT'LL JUST
MAKE
PROBLEMS
FOR YOU.

DON'T BE
AN IDIOT.
I KNOW
YOU'RE
NOT A
HUNDRED
PERCENT
YET.

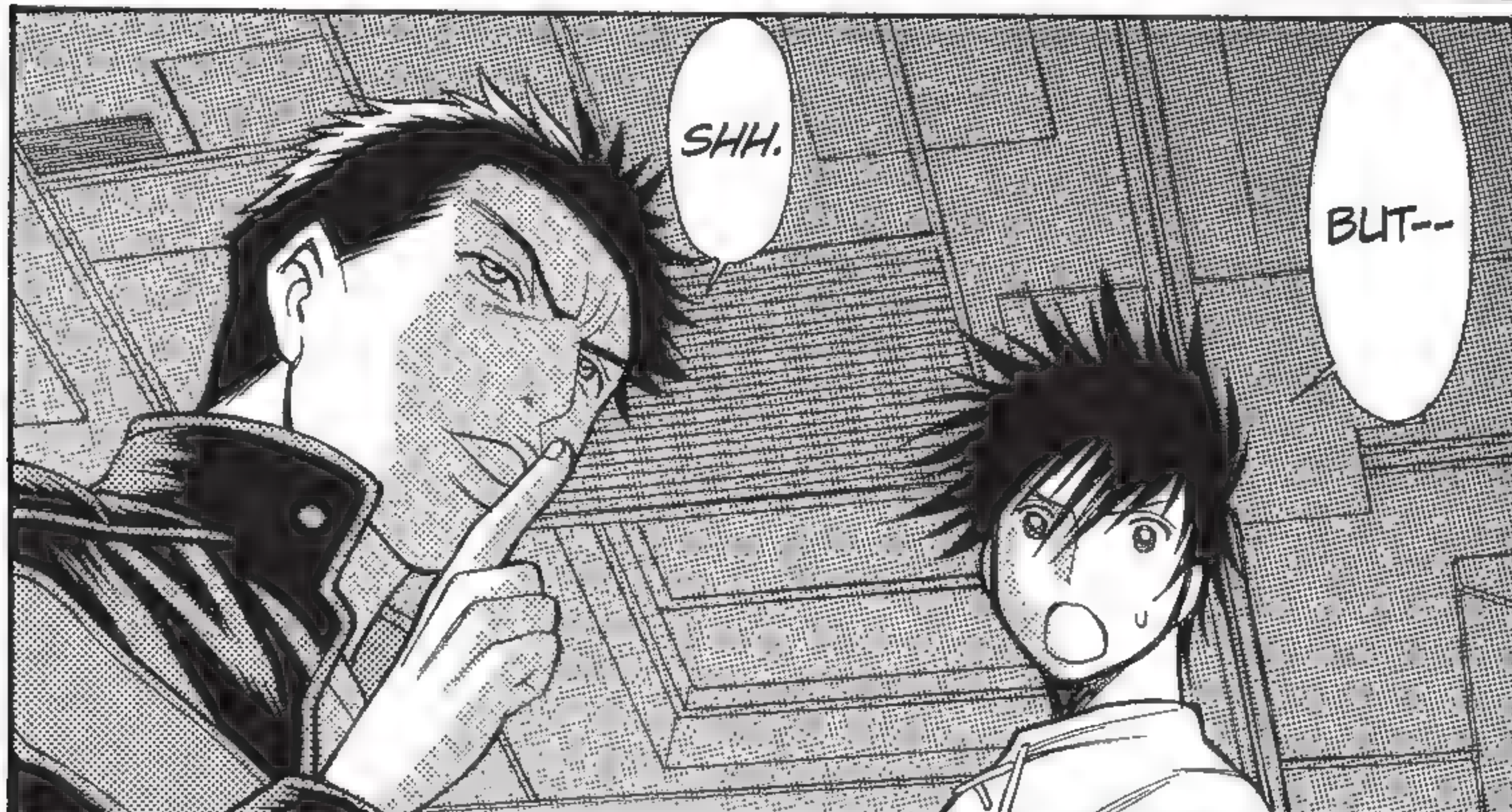
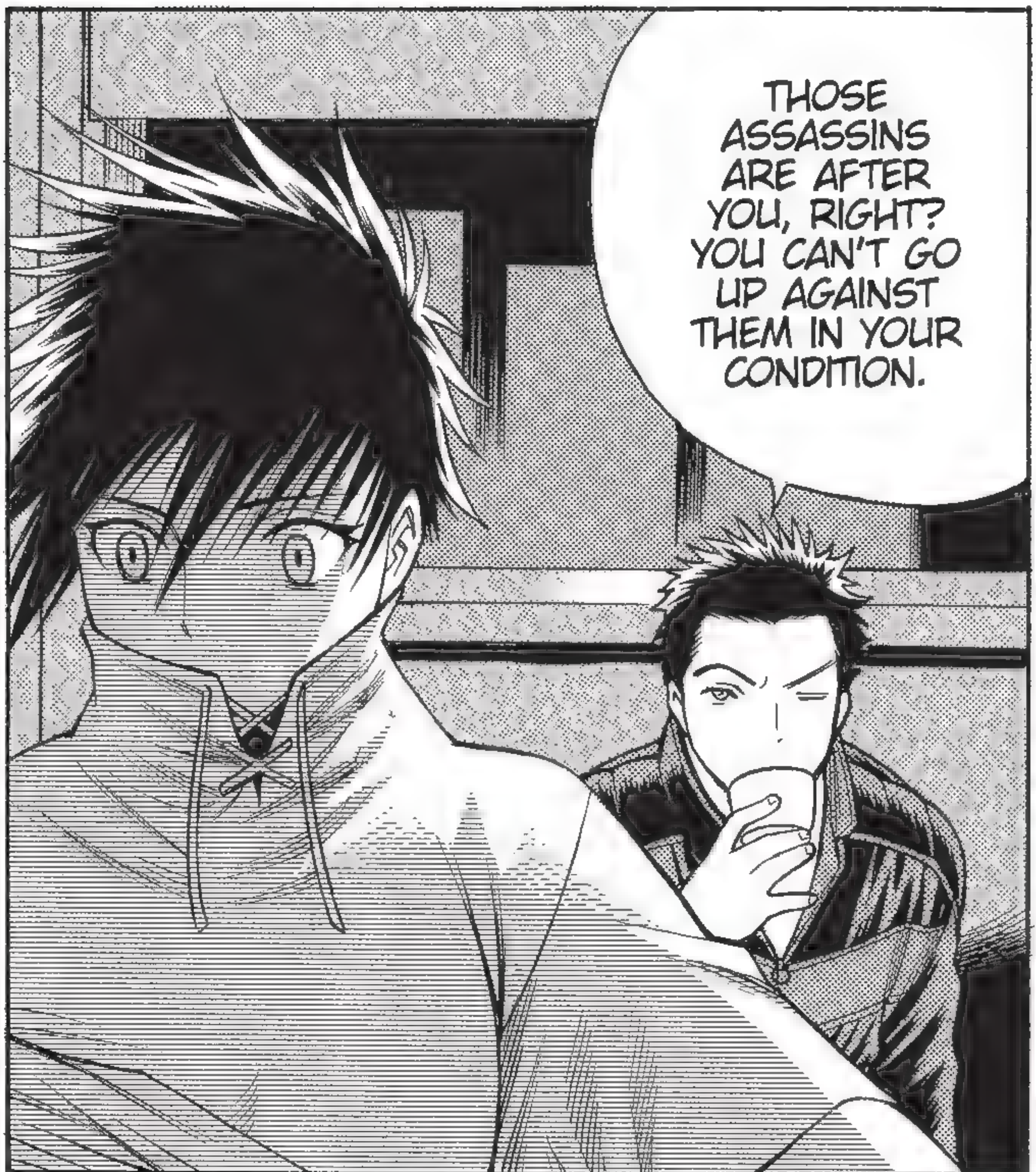


WELL,
I'D
BETTER
GET
GOING.



THANKS
FOR THE
FOOD.

IT WAS
DELI-
CIOUS.





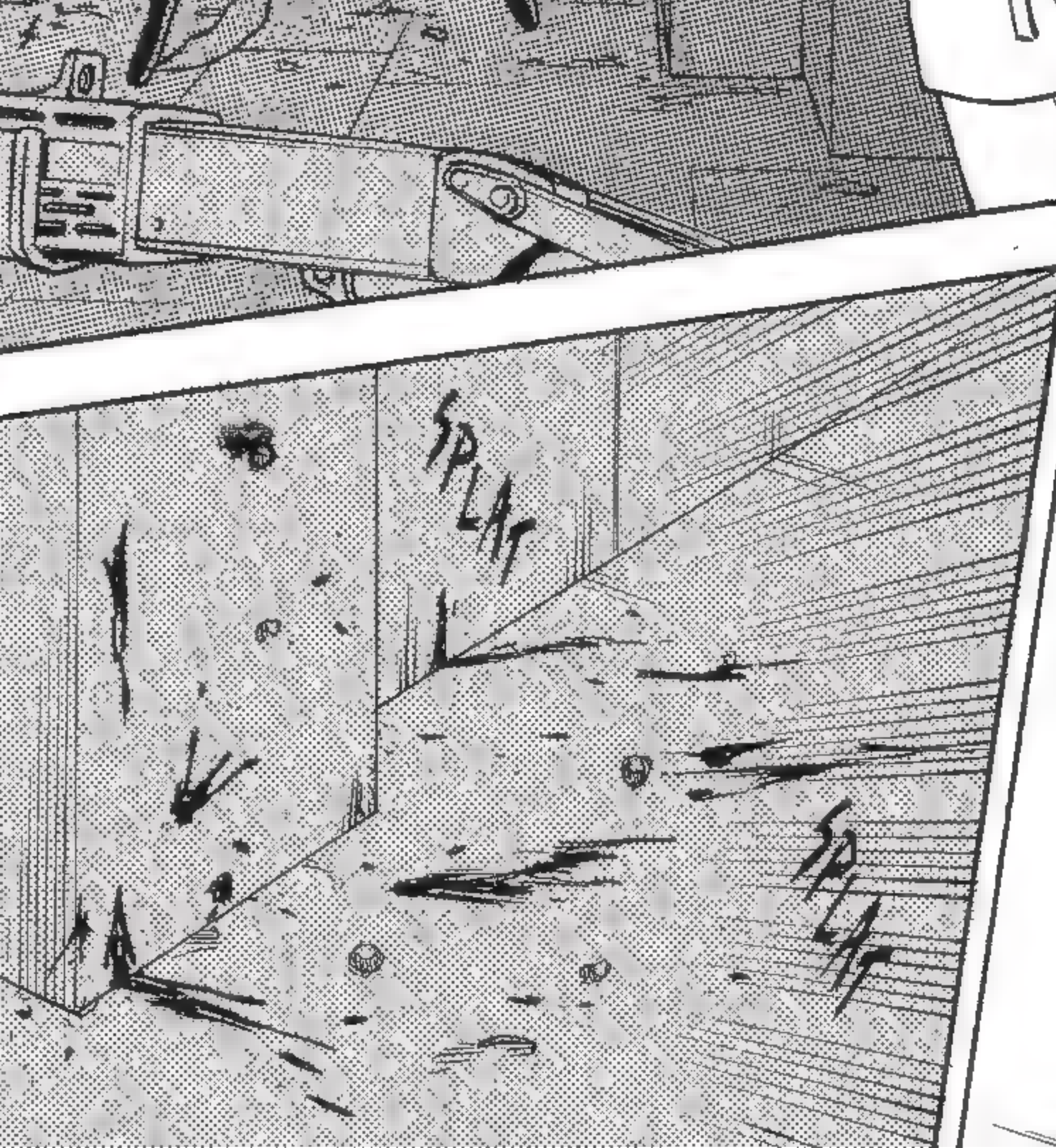
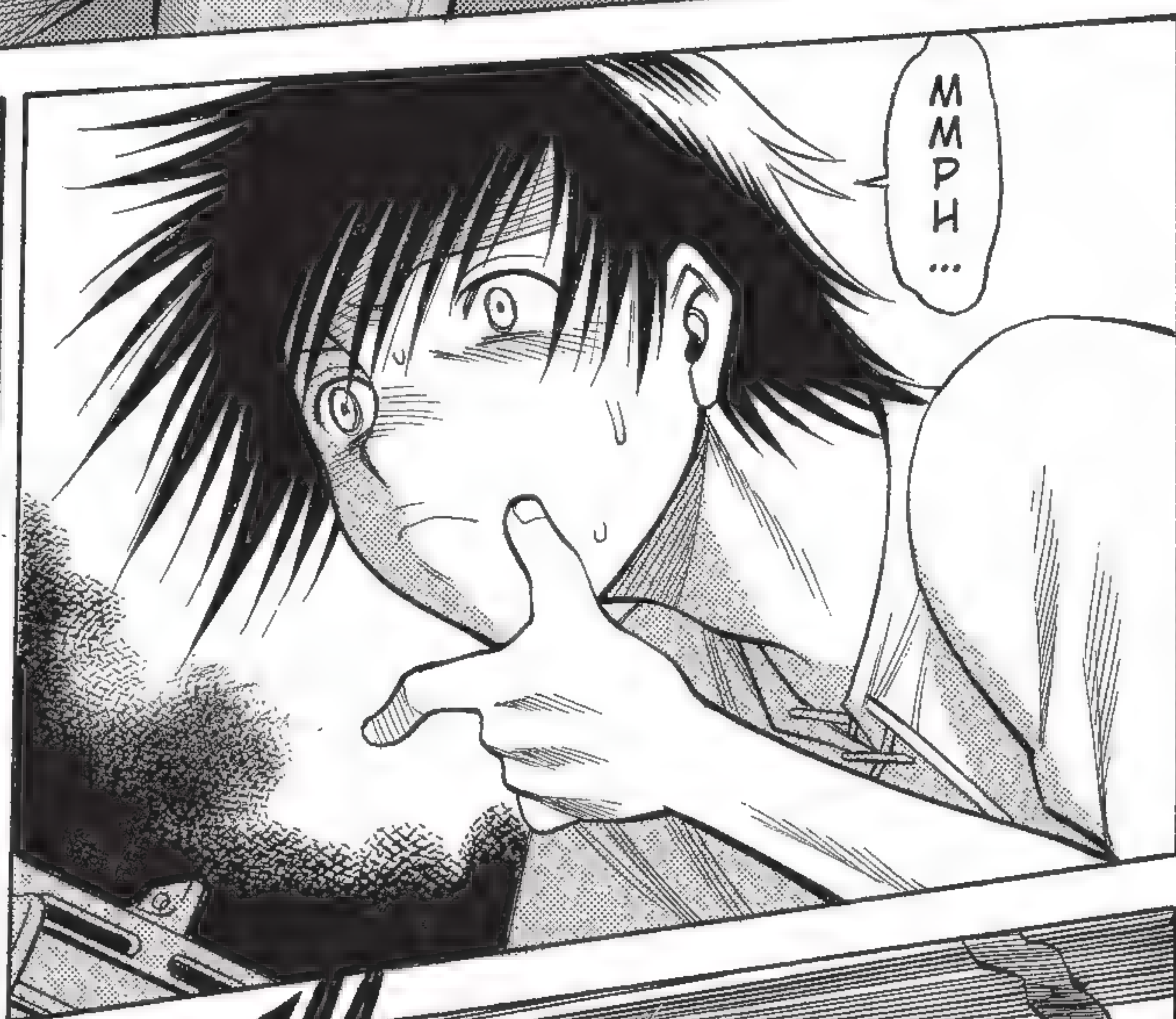
AKIRA,
THE
FRENCH
BREAD
!!

DIIIIIIIIIIIE!!!

DASH

CHA-CLK

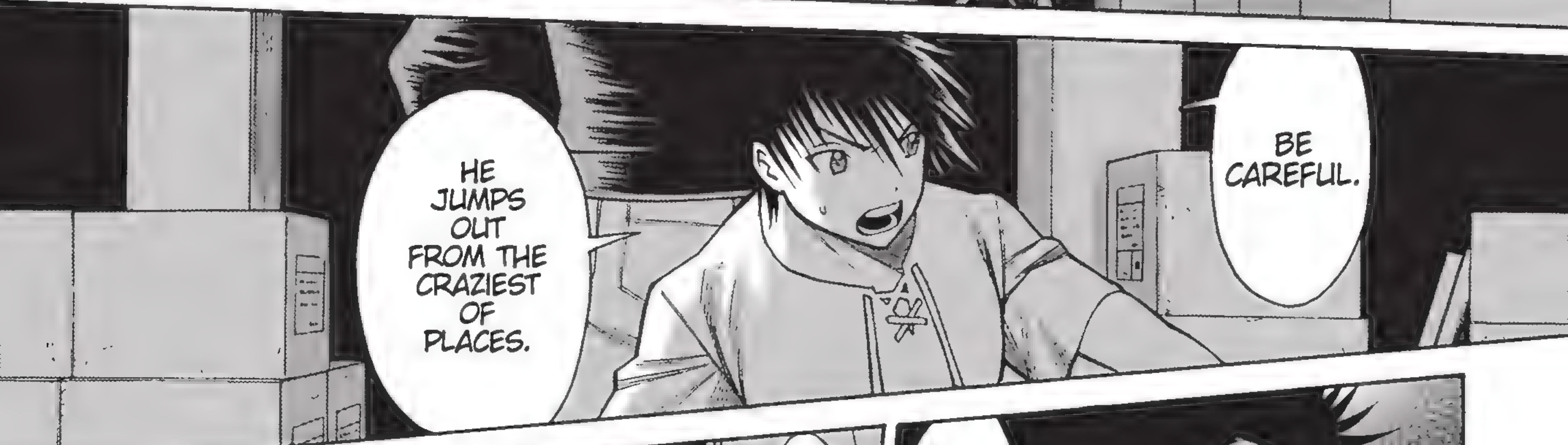
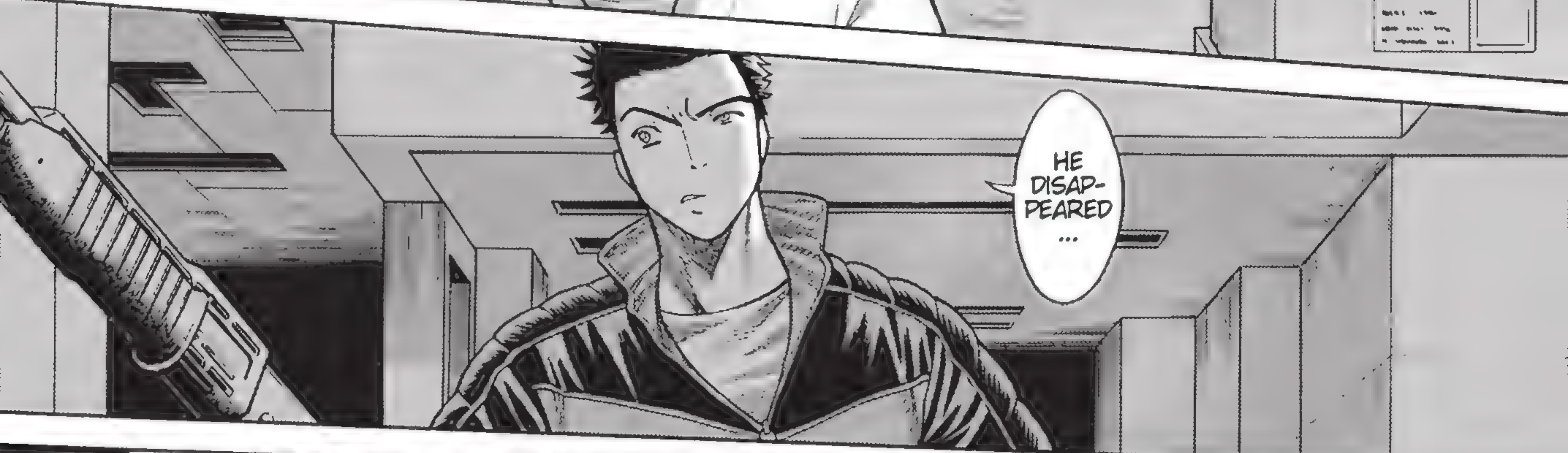
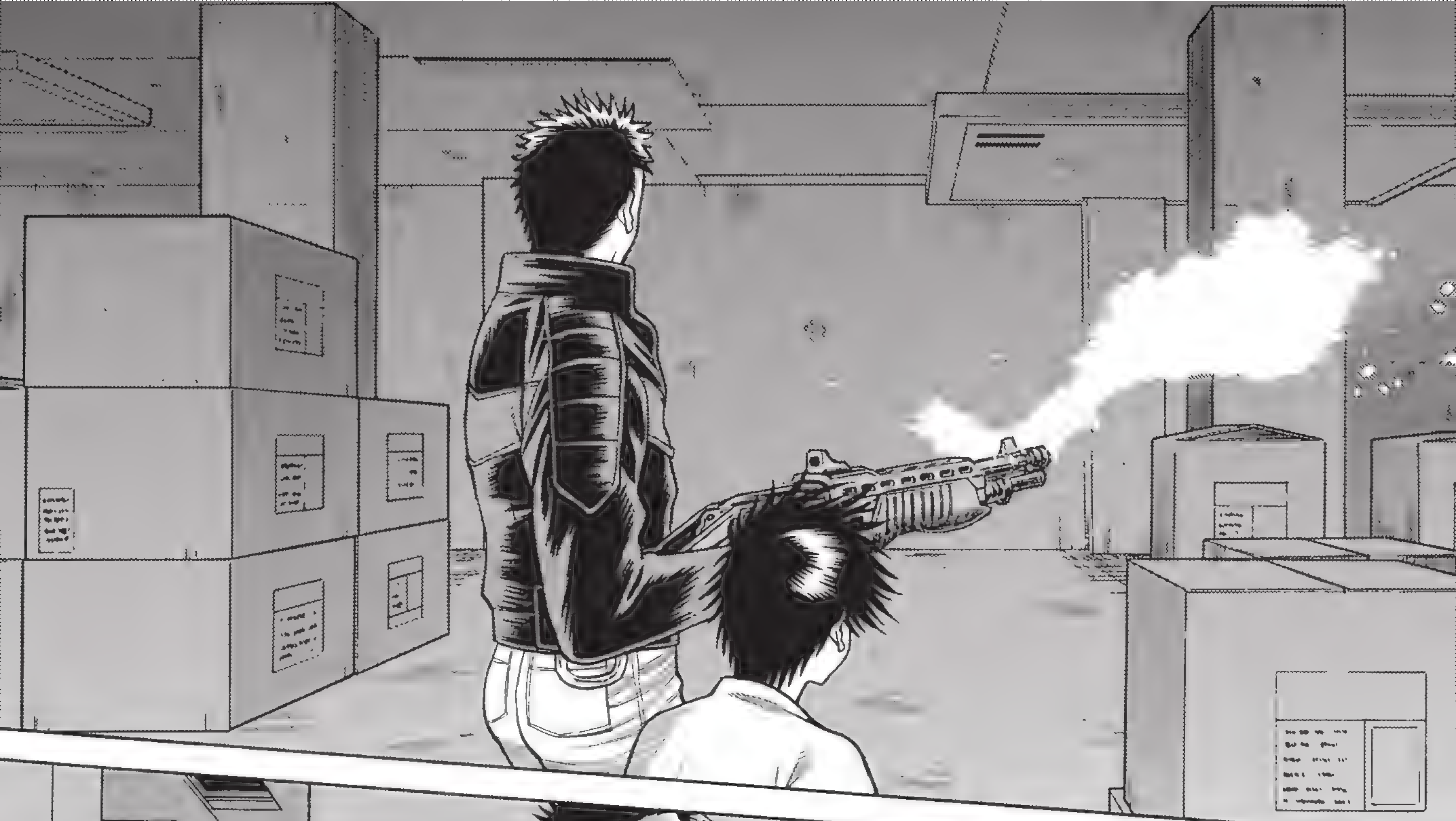


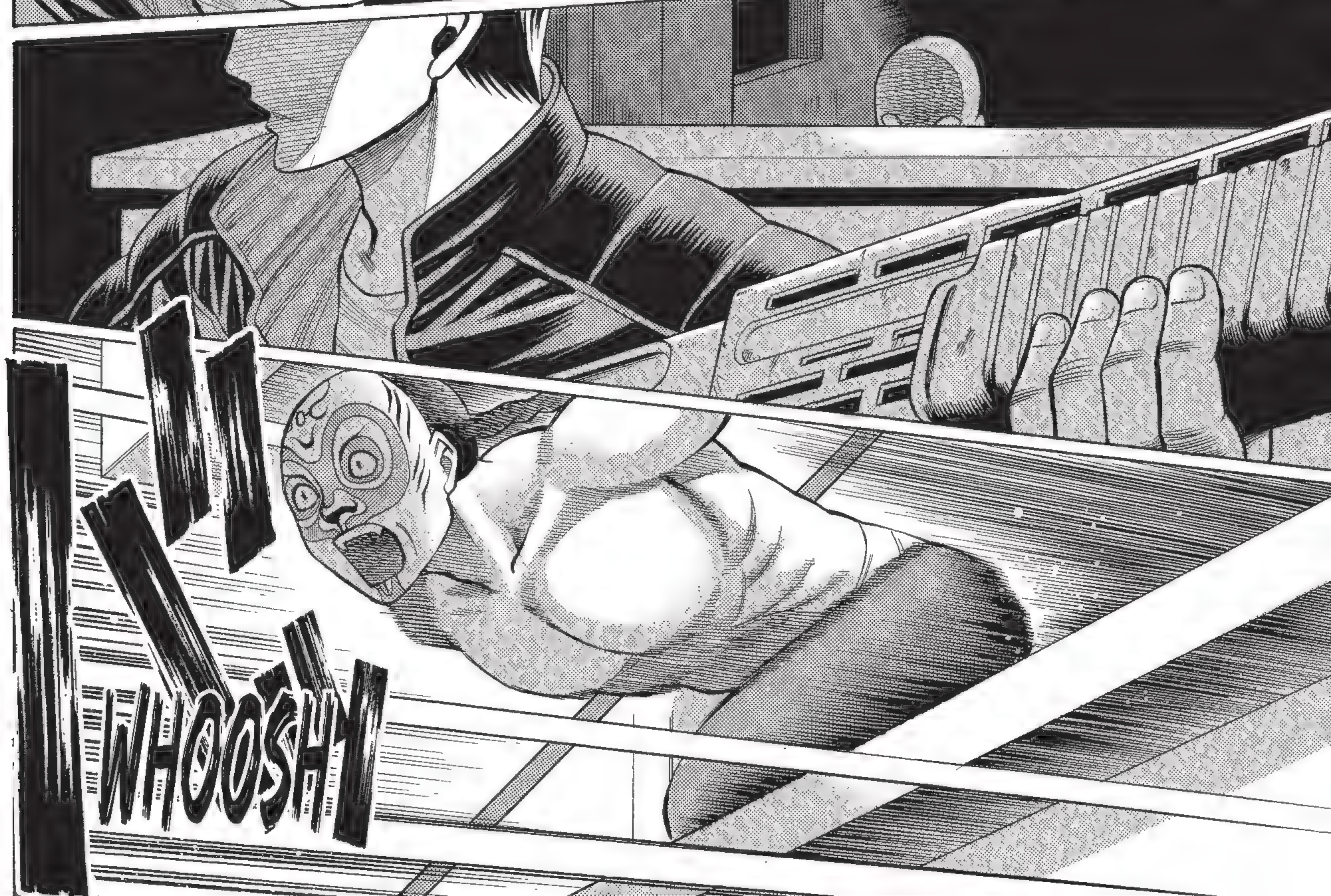


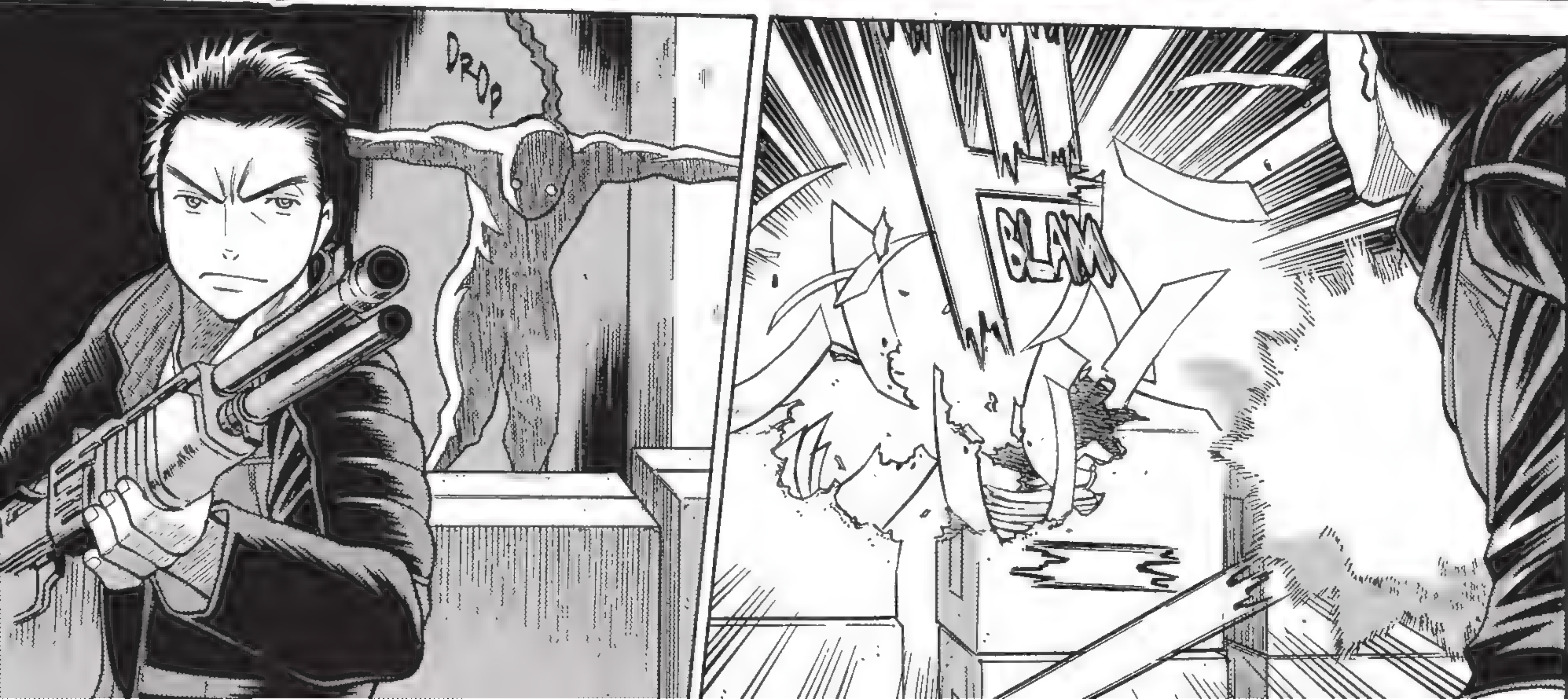
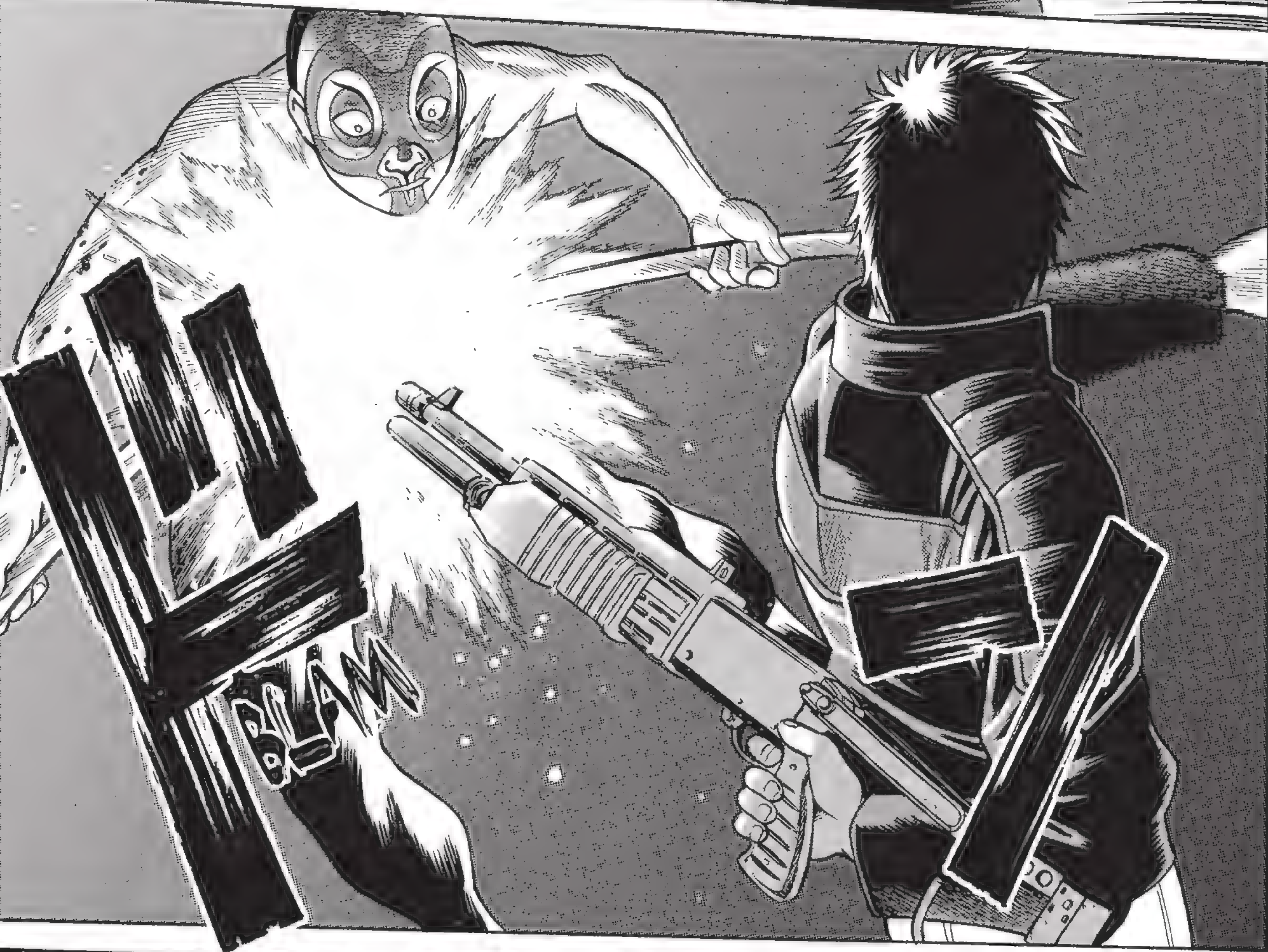
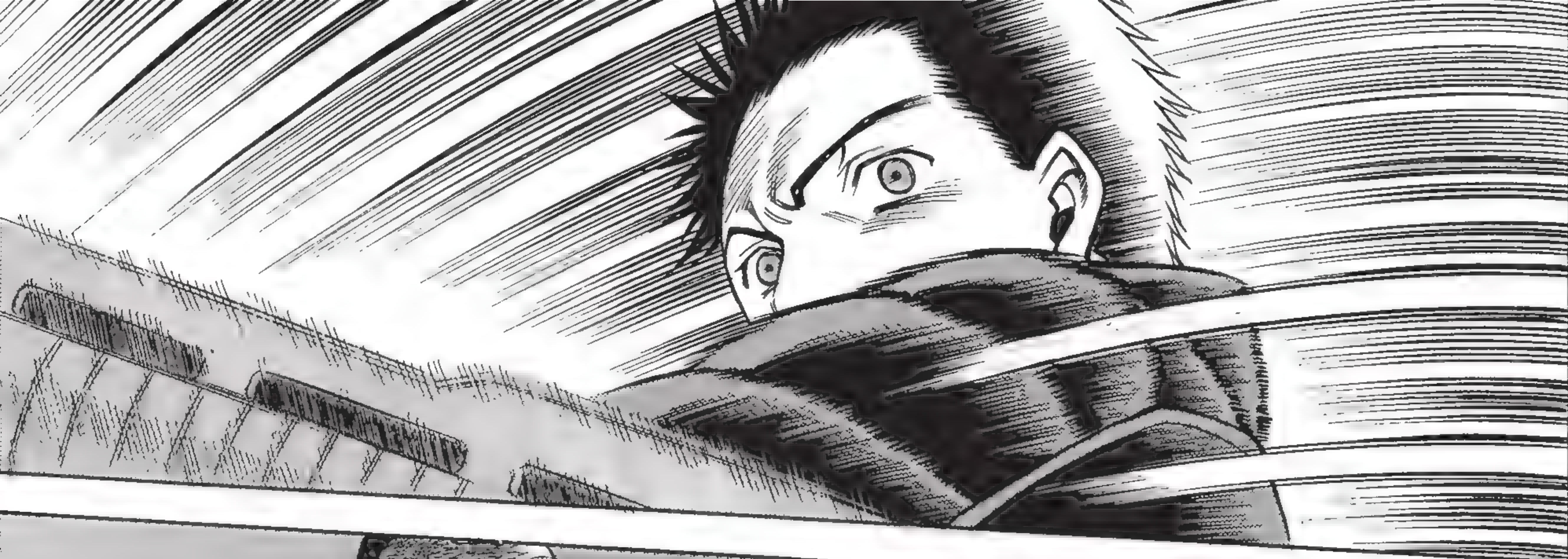


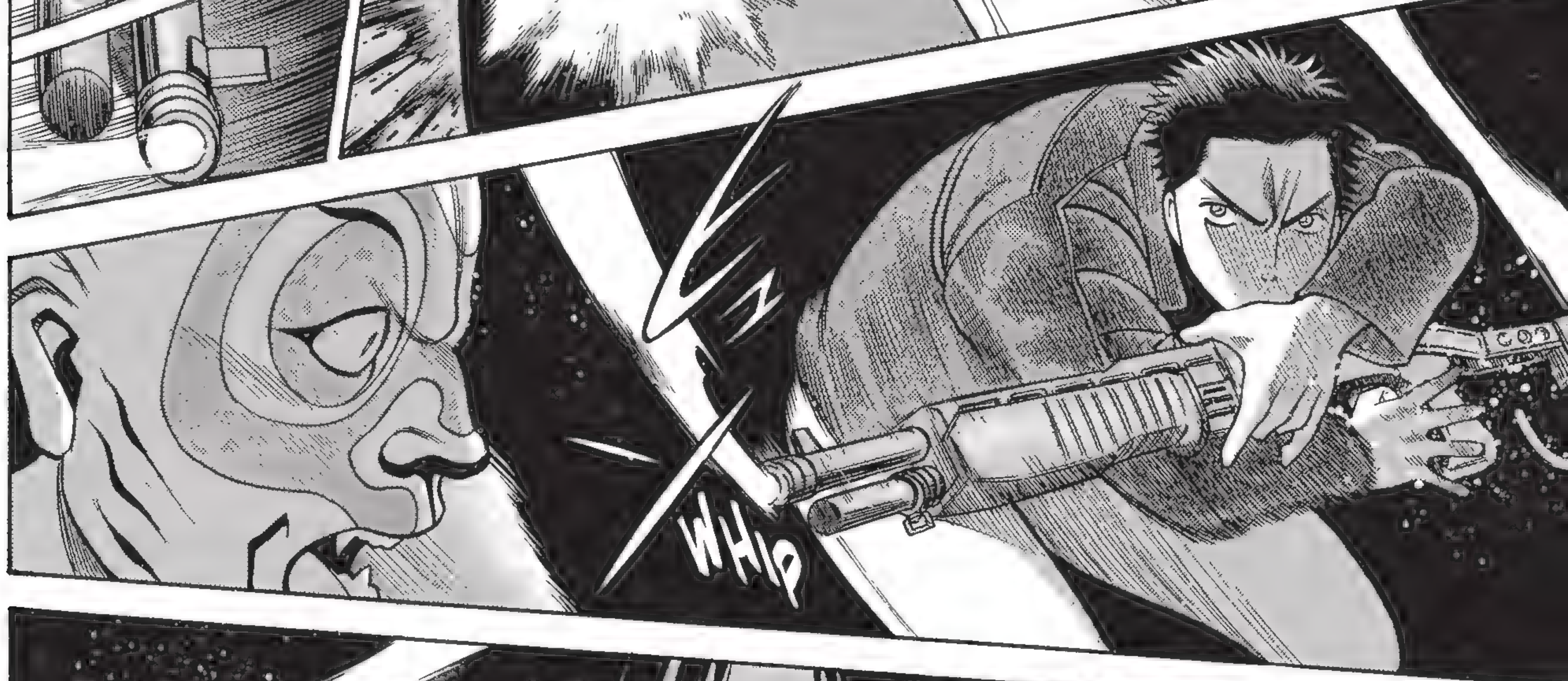
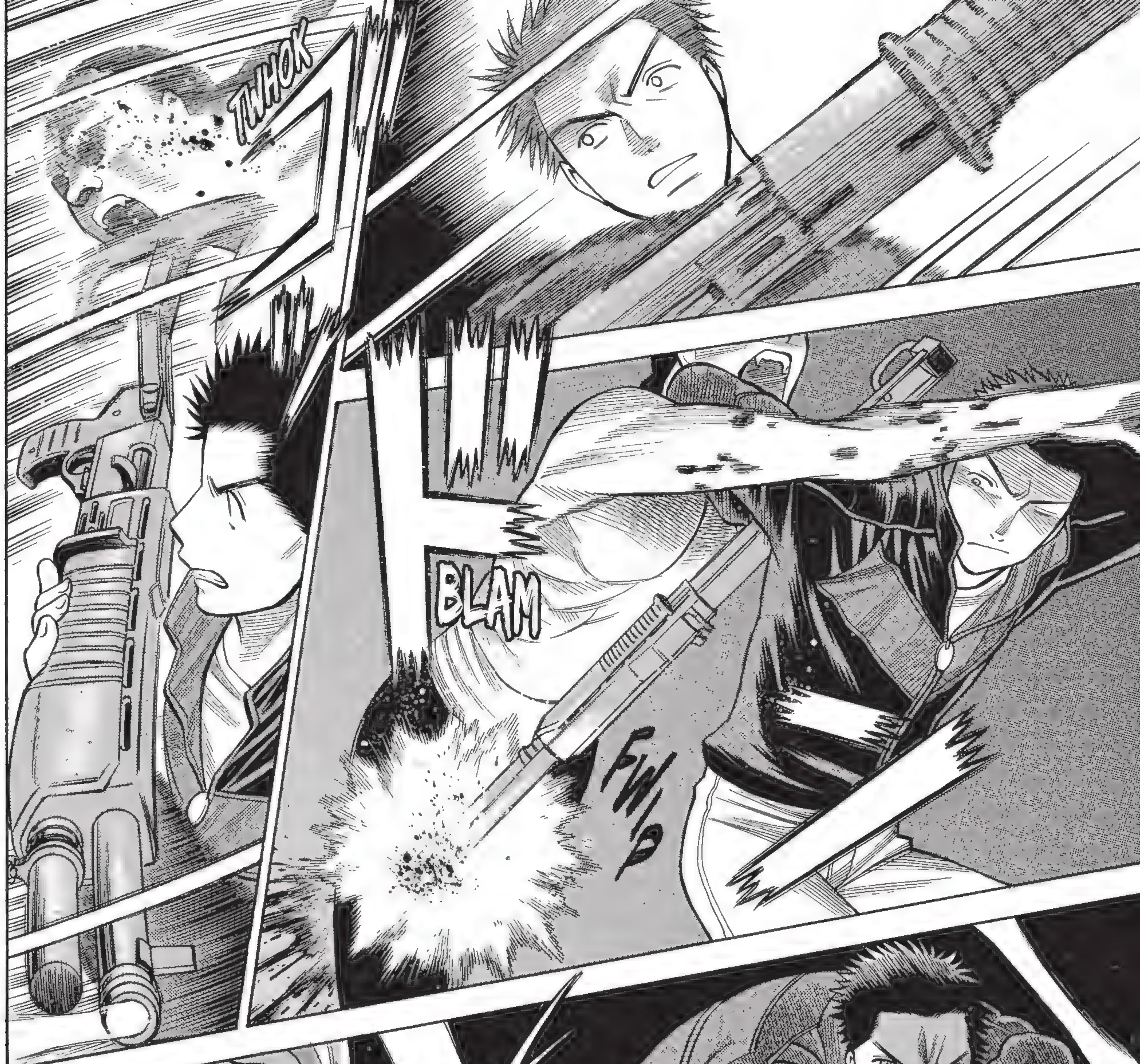
AKIRA!
GIVE
IT TO
ME!!











THAT'S
INCREDIBLE!!

AMAZING...



WHO IS
THIS
GUY?!!

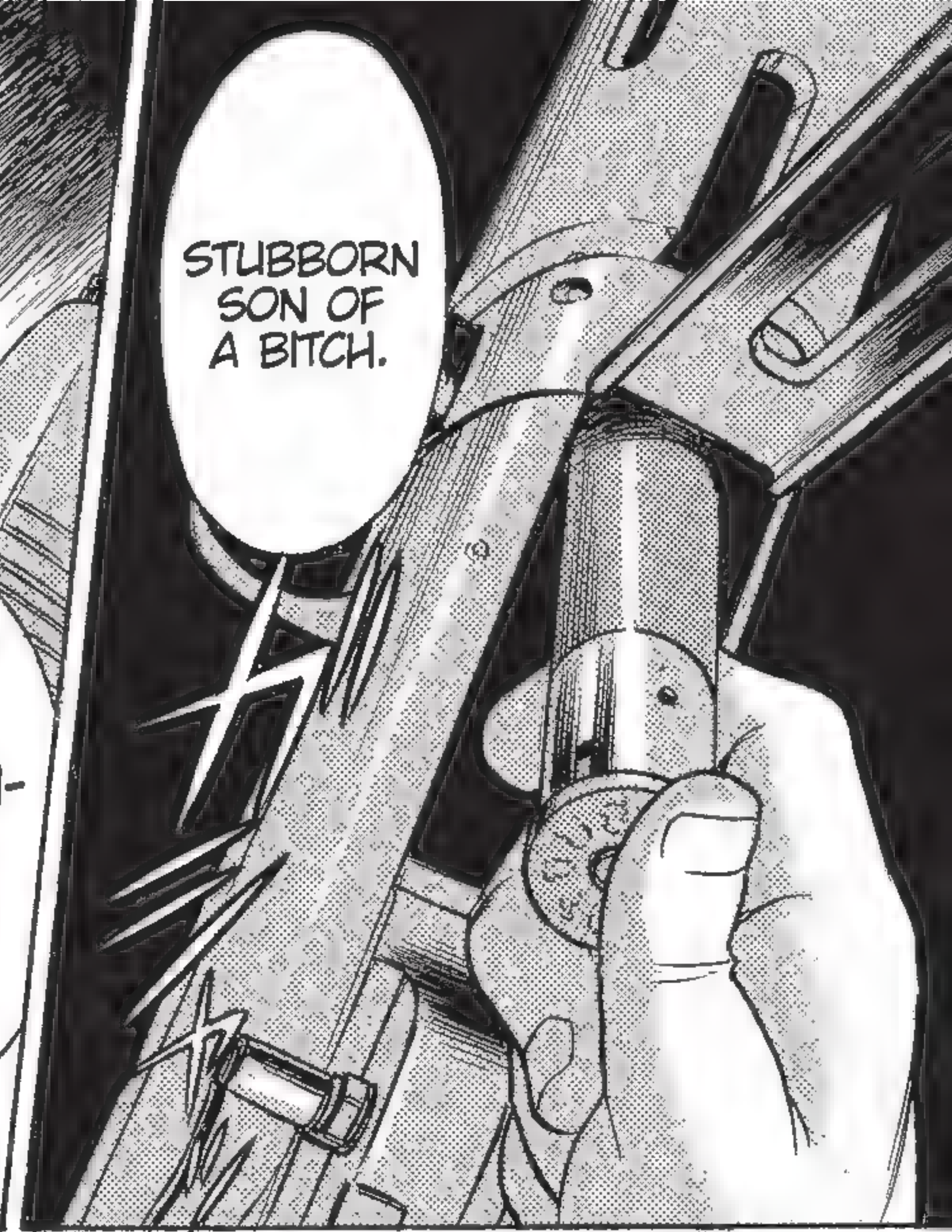


KROOSH



DON'T GET
DISTRACTED.
A SHOTGUN'S
ONLY GONNA
SLOW HIM UP.
HE'LL BE
BACK FOR
MORE SOON
ENOUGH.

HAMASEIJI-
SAN,
YOU--



STUBBORN
SON OF
A BITCH.



BY THE
WAY, KID,
THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH
BEING A
LITTLE
CRAZY...

FOR THE
GIRL YOU
LOVE.



KA-CHUNK

THIS
CHUTE
LEADS
STRAIGHT
TO THE
BOTTOM
OF THE
COMPLEX.

WE CAN
TAKE IT
ALL THE
WAY
DOWN.



IS THAT BY
ANY CHANCE
THE SAME
PERSON
WHO WON'T
TELL YOU
THAT YOUR
COOKING'S
ACTUALLY
TASTY?



LIKE YOU,
I'VE GOT
SOMEONE
I'D THROW
MY LIFE
AWAY FOR.

SO I CAN'T
VERY WELL
LEAVE YOU
ALONE.



COULD
BE...



THE TRUE
WORLD
OF THE
VAMPIRES
LIES DOWN
THERE.

PREPARE
YOURSELF,
KID. THIS CITY
ABOVE IS
JUST A SKIN
STRETCHED
OUT OVER
THE REAL
METROPOLIS
BELOW.



WHOOPS,
LOOKS
LIKE OUR
PEKING
OPERA
FRIEND IS
BACK.

KA-KRSSSH

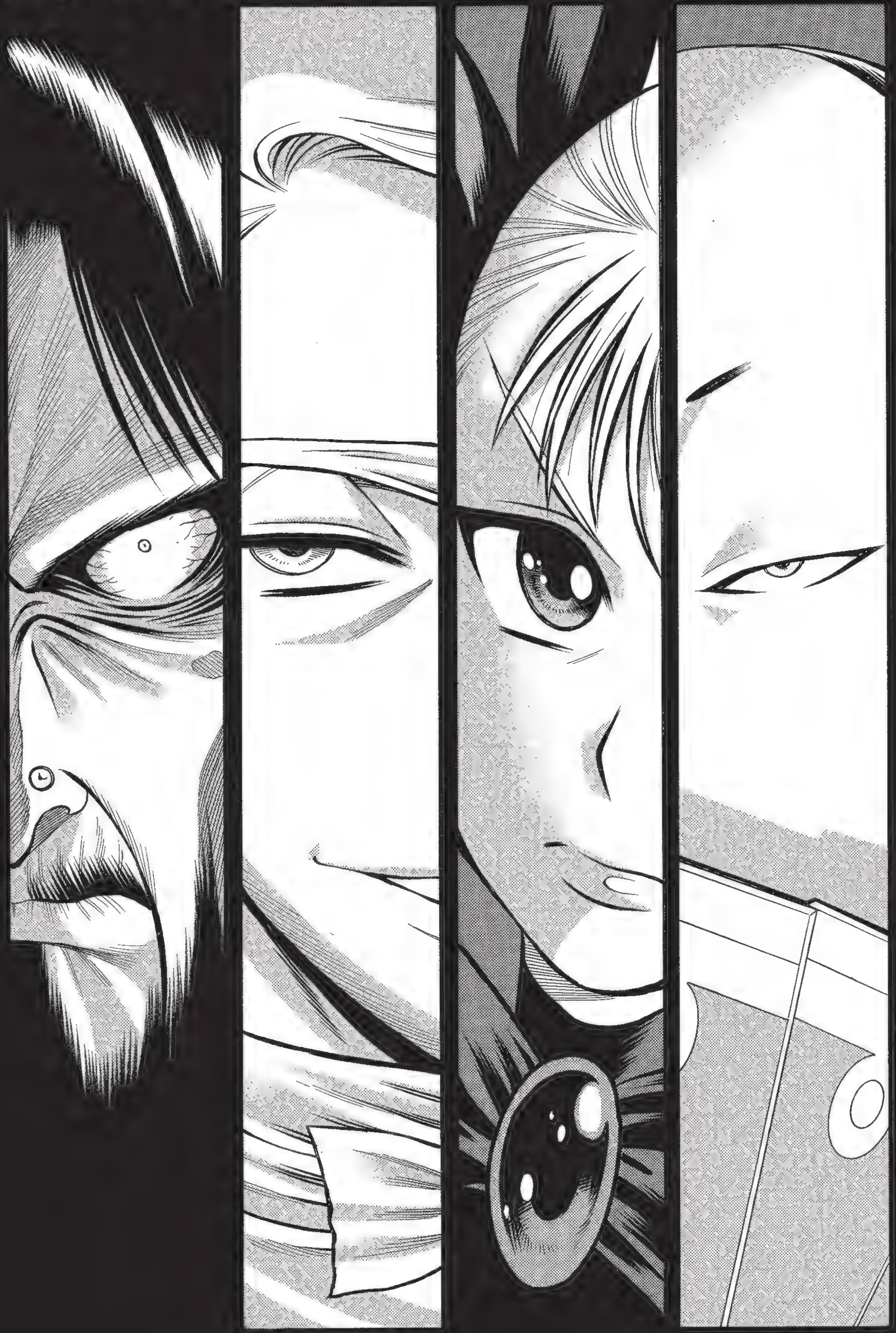


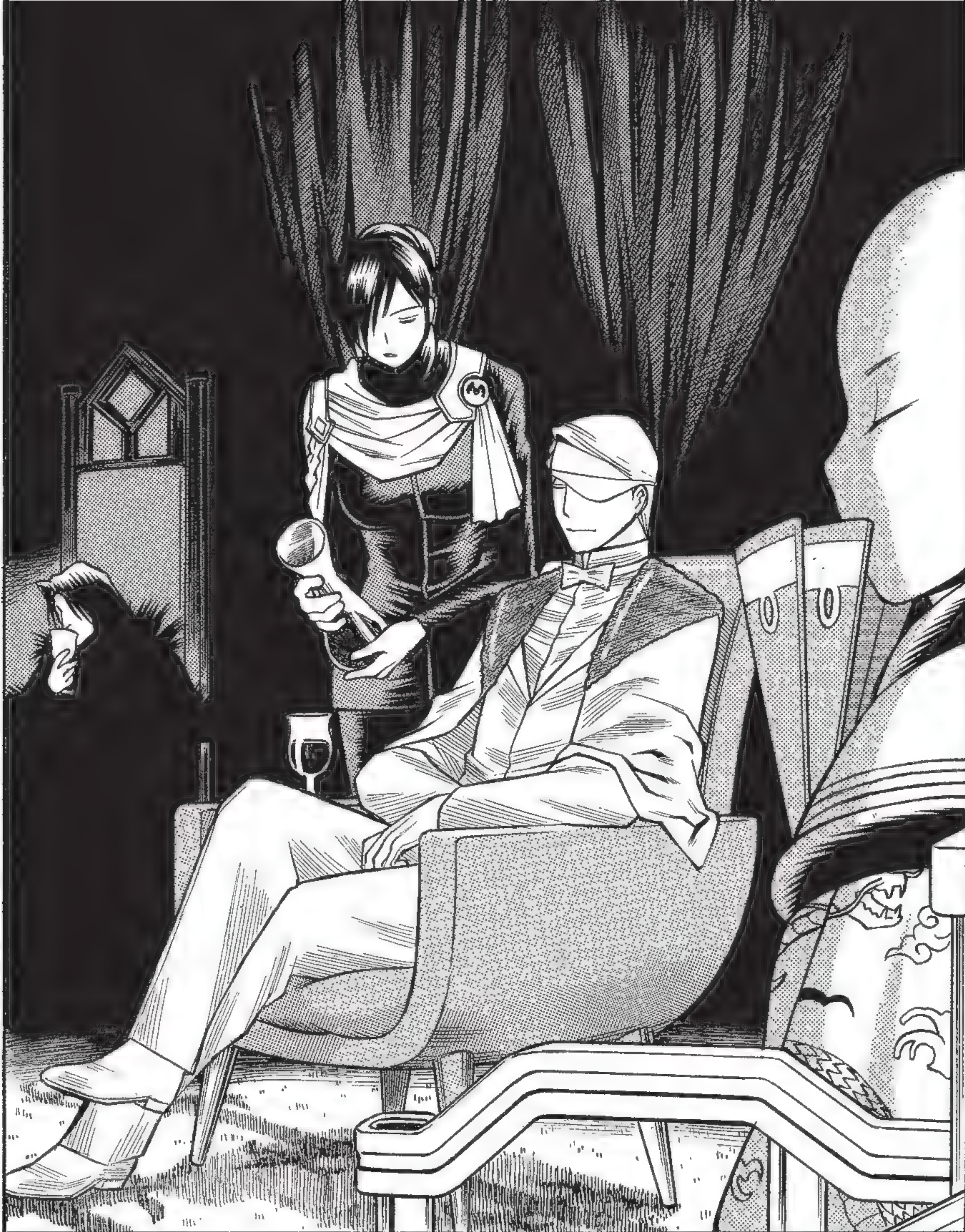
HEH.
SOUNDS
LIKE AN
ADVEN-
TURE.

GERONIMO!!!

THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT!!

Chapter 26: Intermedio







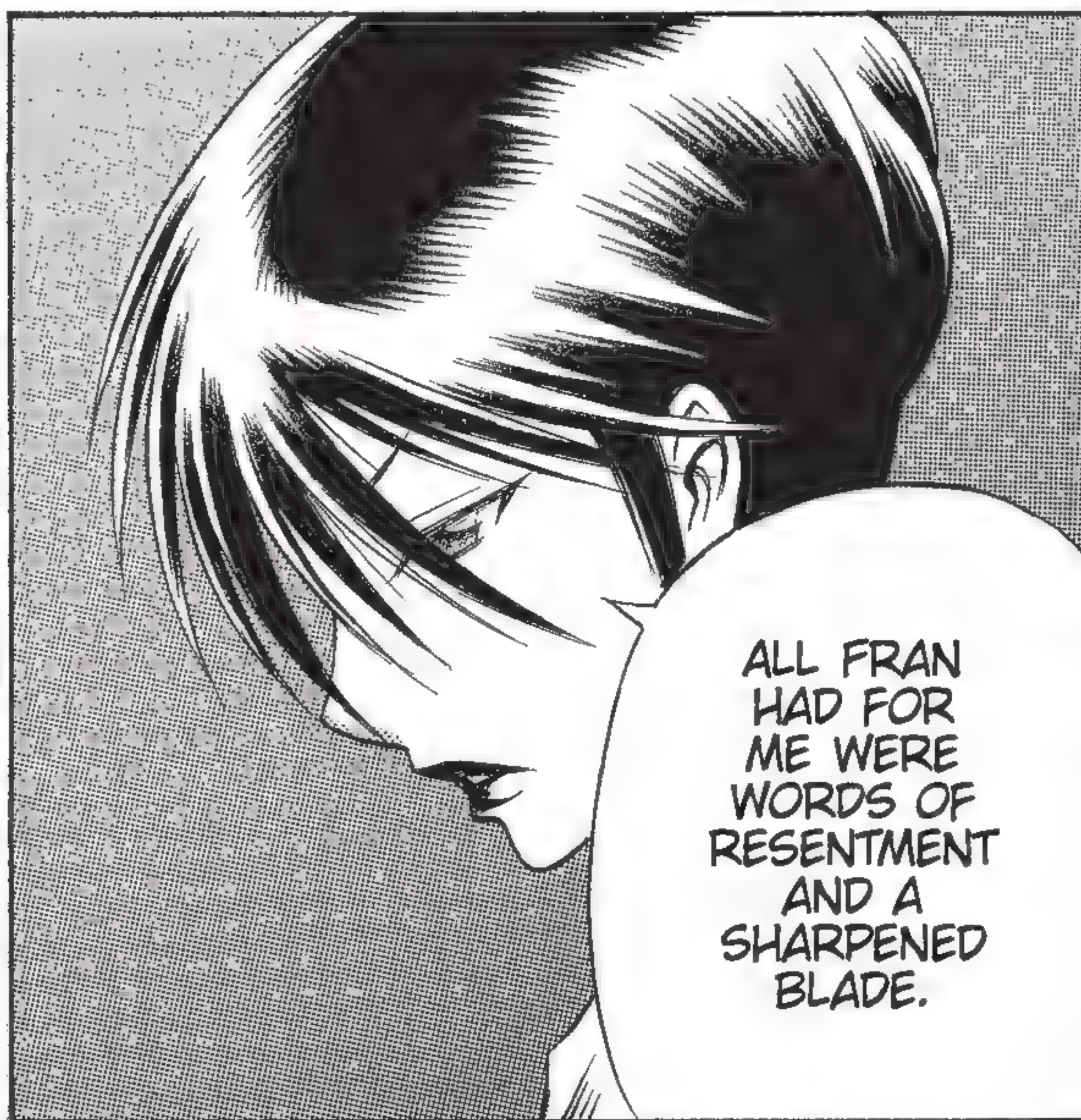
ONE DAY,
I WILL
SURELY
DELIVER
THE SAME
MESSAGE
TO YOU...

YOUR
GRACE.



"LEAVE
THE ROYAL
HOUSE.
COME
SERVE
ME."

I IN-
STRUCTED
HER TO
RELAY
THESE
WORDS...

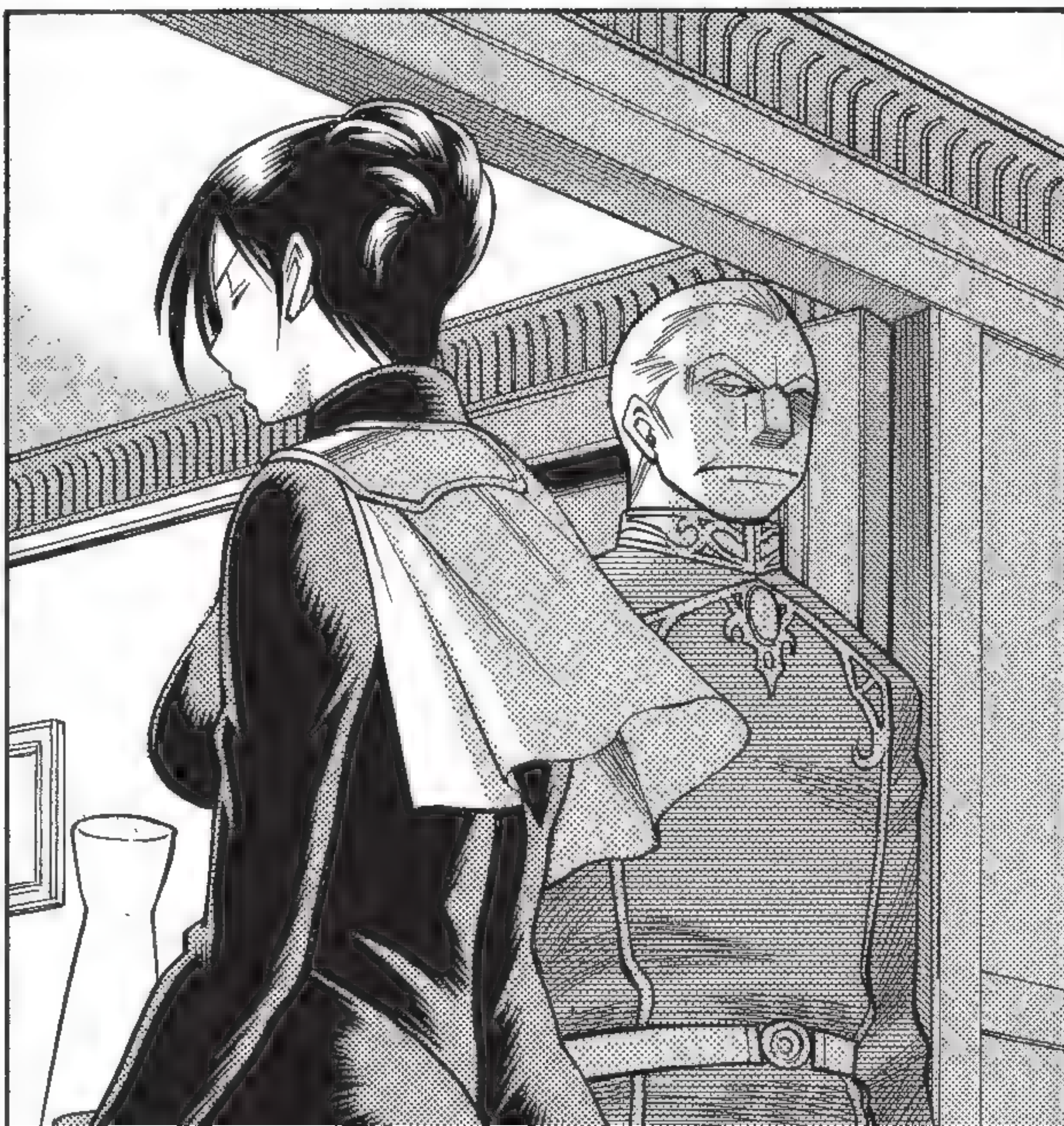


ALL FRAN
HAD FOR
ME WERE
WORDS OF
RESENTMENT
AND A
SHARPENED
BLADE.



SHE IS
INDEED A
STIMU-
LATING
WOMAN.

DO YOU
NOT
THINK SO,
GERHARDT?





QUITE
THE
OPPOSITE.

ARE
ENEMY
FORCES
ON THE
MOVE?



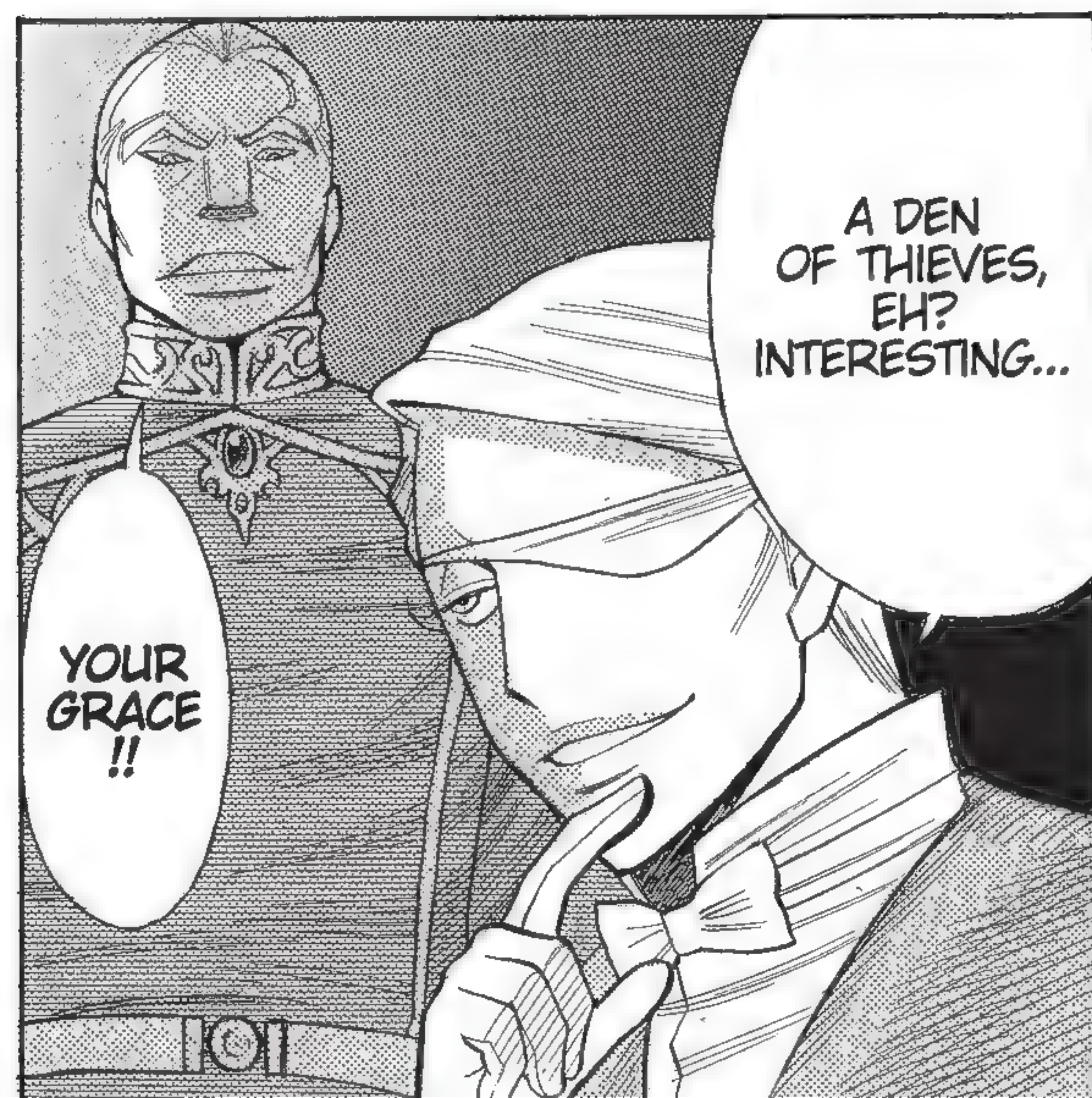
MINUTES
AGO, EVERY
SINGLE
MEMBER OF
BEOWULF
PULLED OUT
OF THE
BUILDING.

NONE
REMAIN
PRESENT.



THERE IS A
DISTURBING
PRESENCE
IN THE
BUILDING.

YOUR GRACE
SHOULD
RETIRE TO
HIS YACHT
IMMEDIATELY.



YOUR
GRACE
!!

A DEN
OF THIEVES,
EH?
INTERESTING...



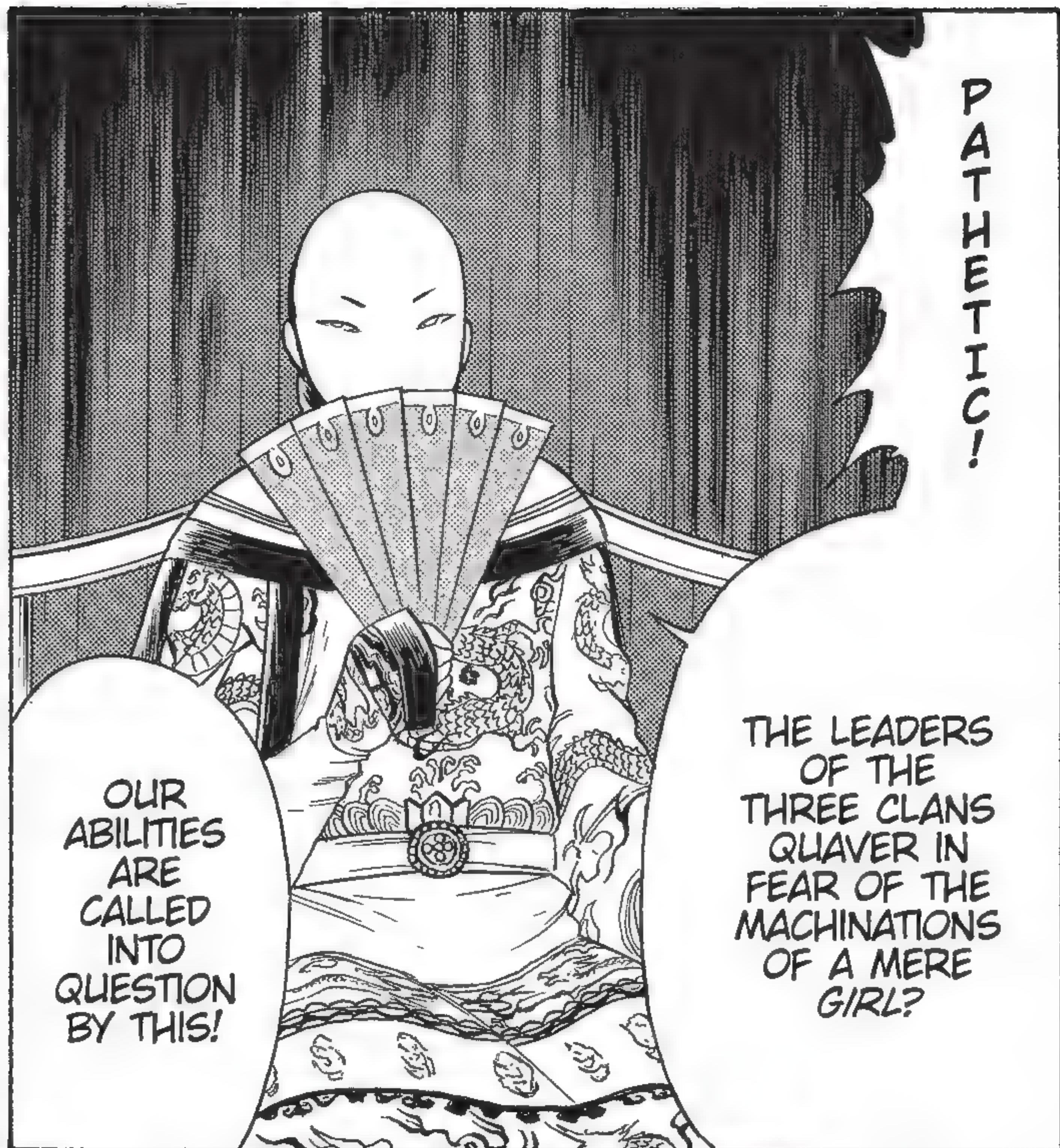
SOMETHING
IS AFOOT
HERE.

ALL
COMMUNICATION
WITH OUR
SPIES IN THE
BUILDING
HAS BEEN
CLUT OFF AS
WELL.



WE'VE
SET
TRAP
UPON
TRAP.

THAT
WOLF-PUP
WILL NEVER
REACH
THIS
PALACE
ALIVE.



PATHE-
TIC!

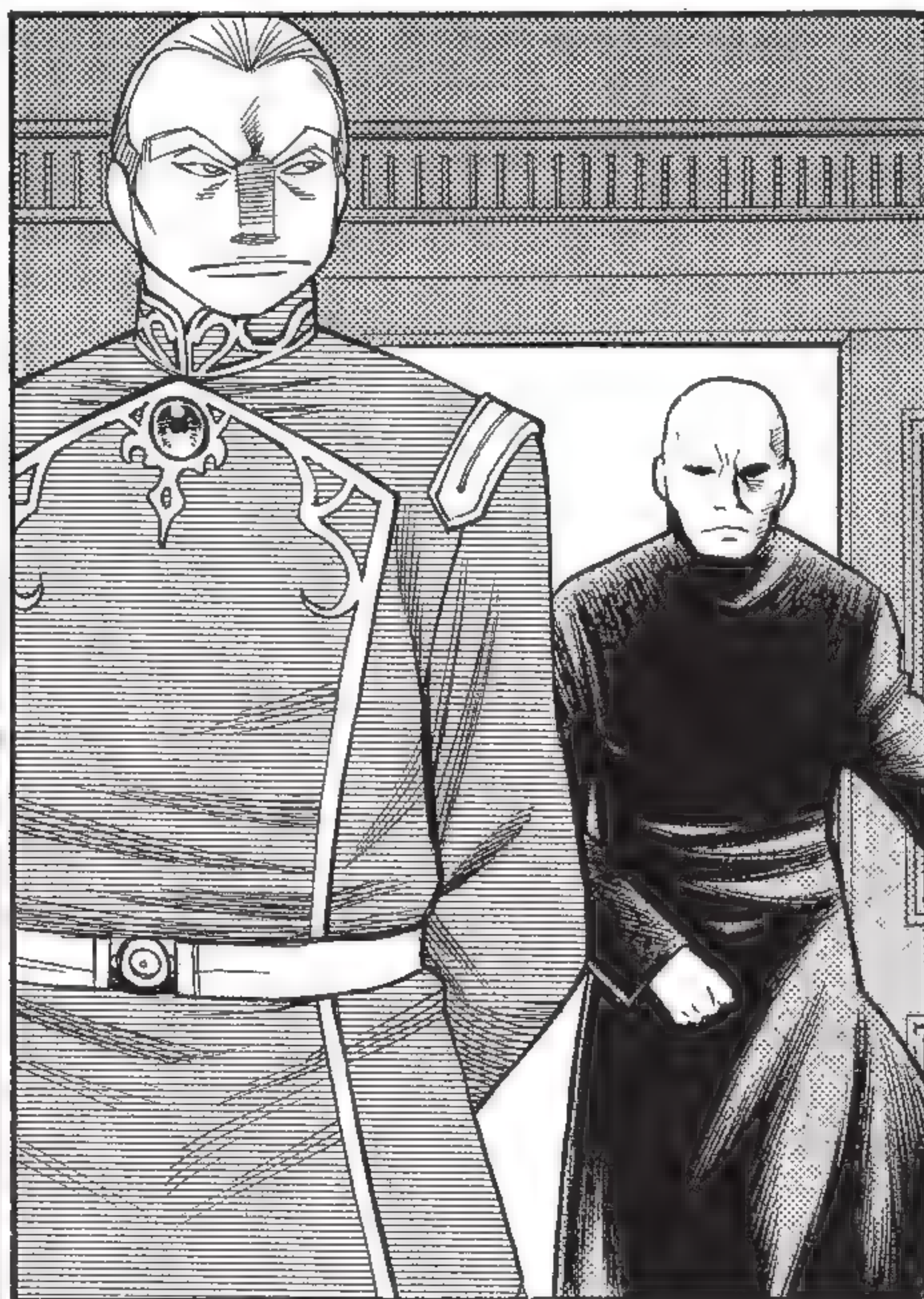
THE LEADERS
OF THE
THREE CLANS
QUAVER IN
FEAR OF THE
MACHINATIONS
OF A MERE
GIRL?

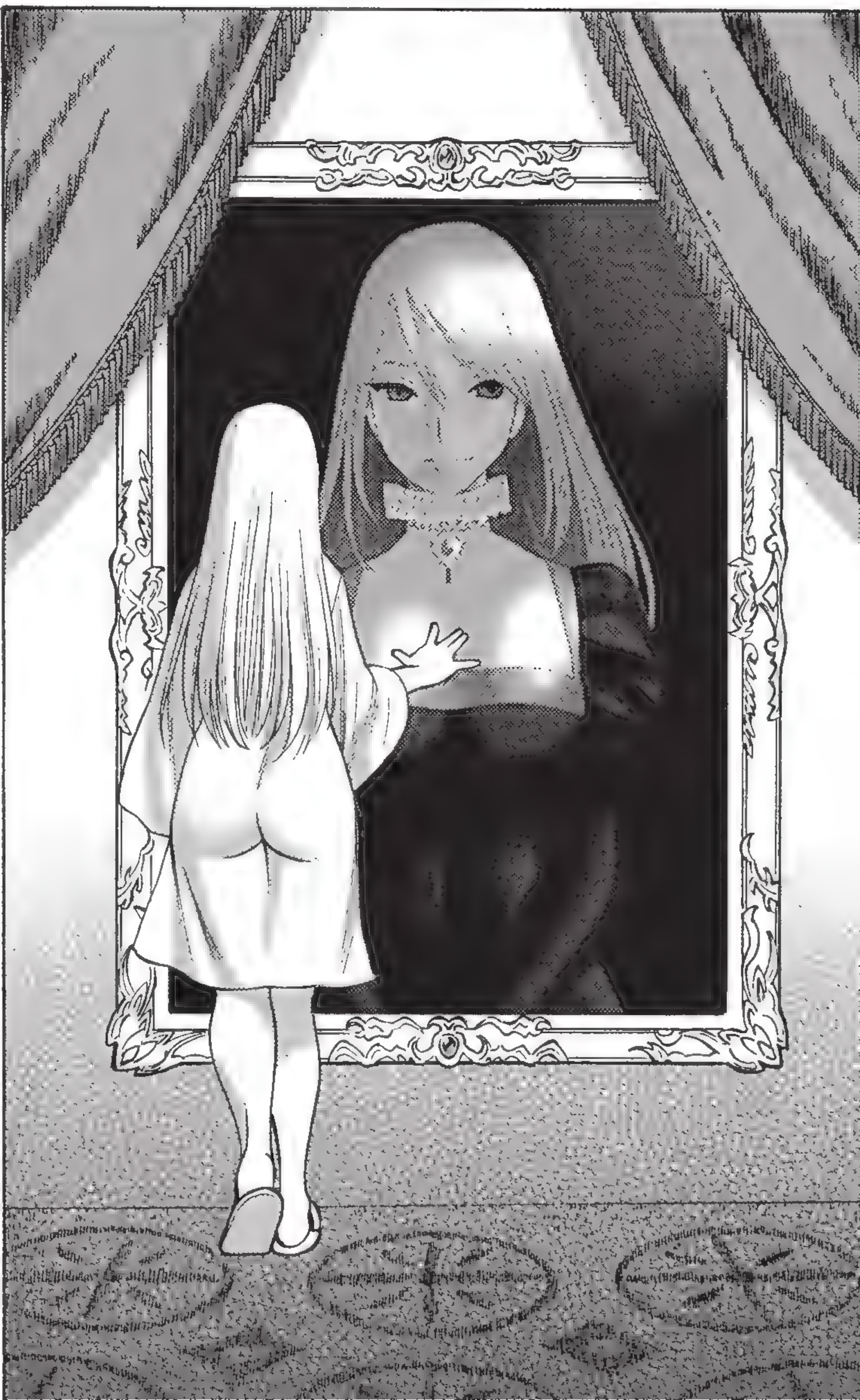
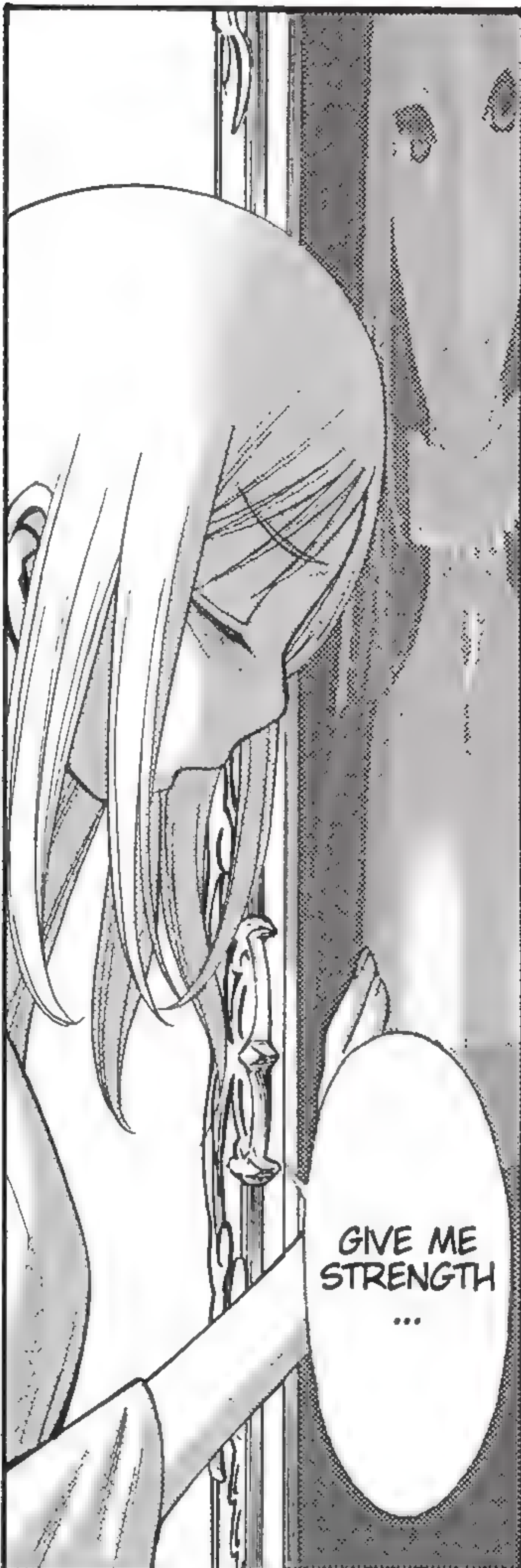
OUR
ABILITIES
ARE
CALLED
INTO
QUESTION
BY THIS!



ALL WE
NEED DO
IS WIN
OUR
WAGER,
YES?

GERHARDT,
NO MATTER
WHAT THAT
GIRL IS
PLAYING
AT...







SNATCH

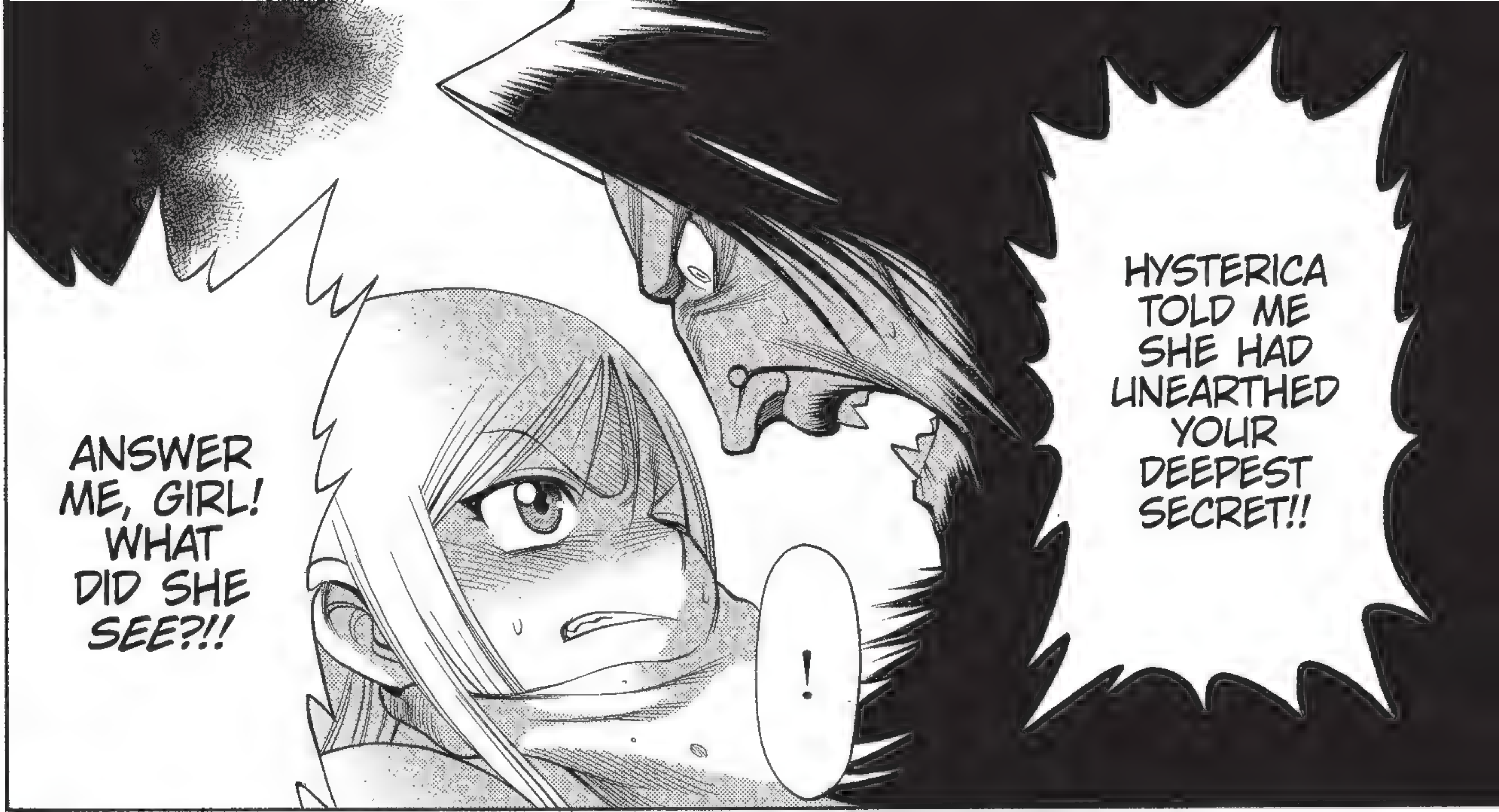


?!

WHAT
ARE YOU
HIDING
?!



YOU IN-
SOLENT
BRAT!



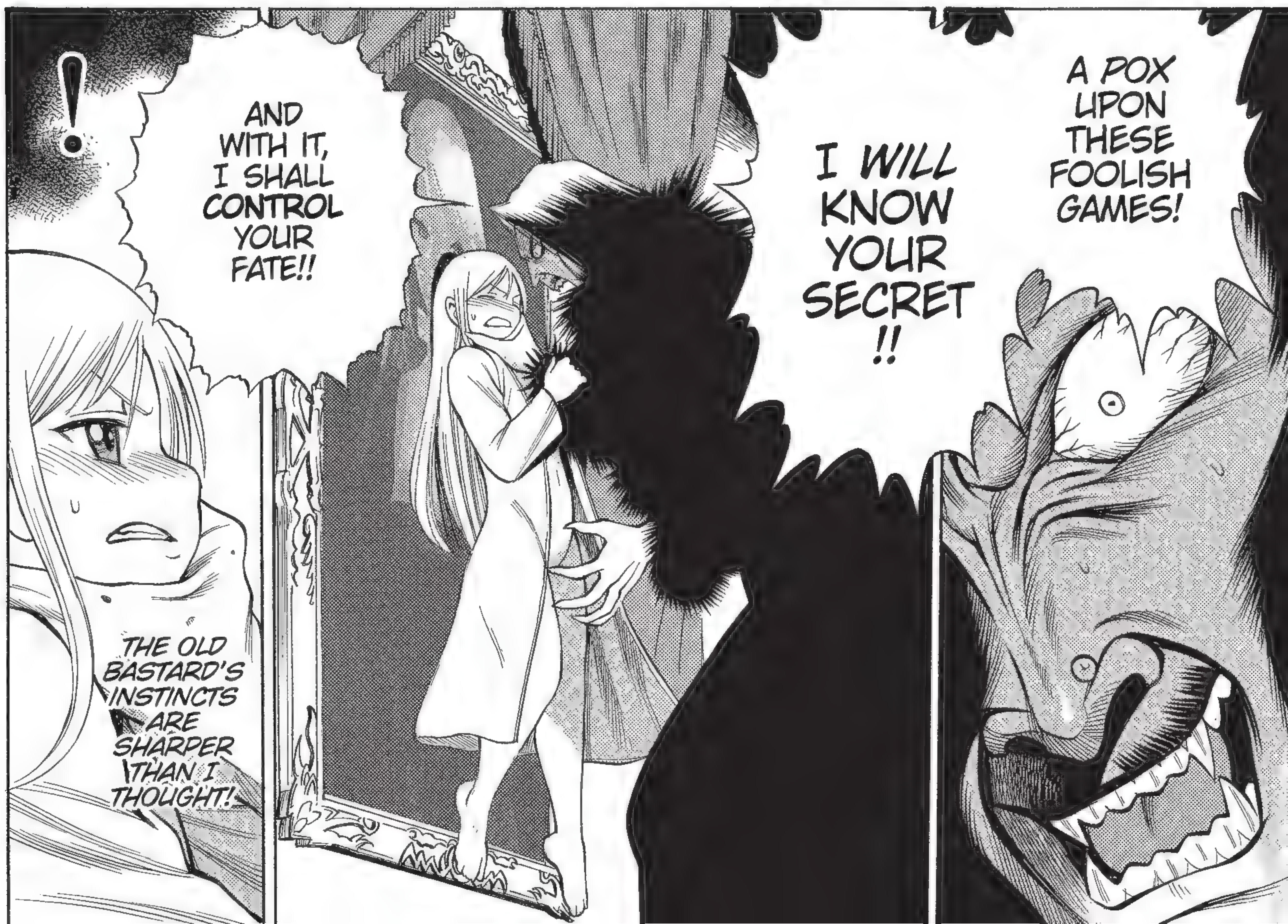
ANSWER
ME, GIRL!
WHAT
DID SHE
SEE?!!

HYSTERICA
TOLD ME
SHE HAD
UNEARTHED
YOUR
DEEPEST
SECRET!!



I WON'T
FORGIVE
THIS
INSULT!!

WHAT OF
YOUR
WAGER?

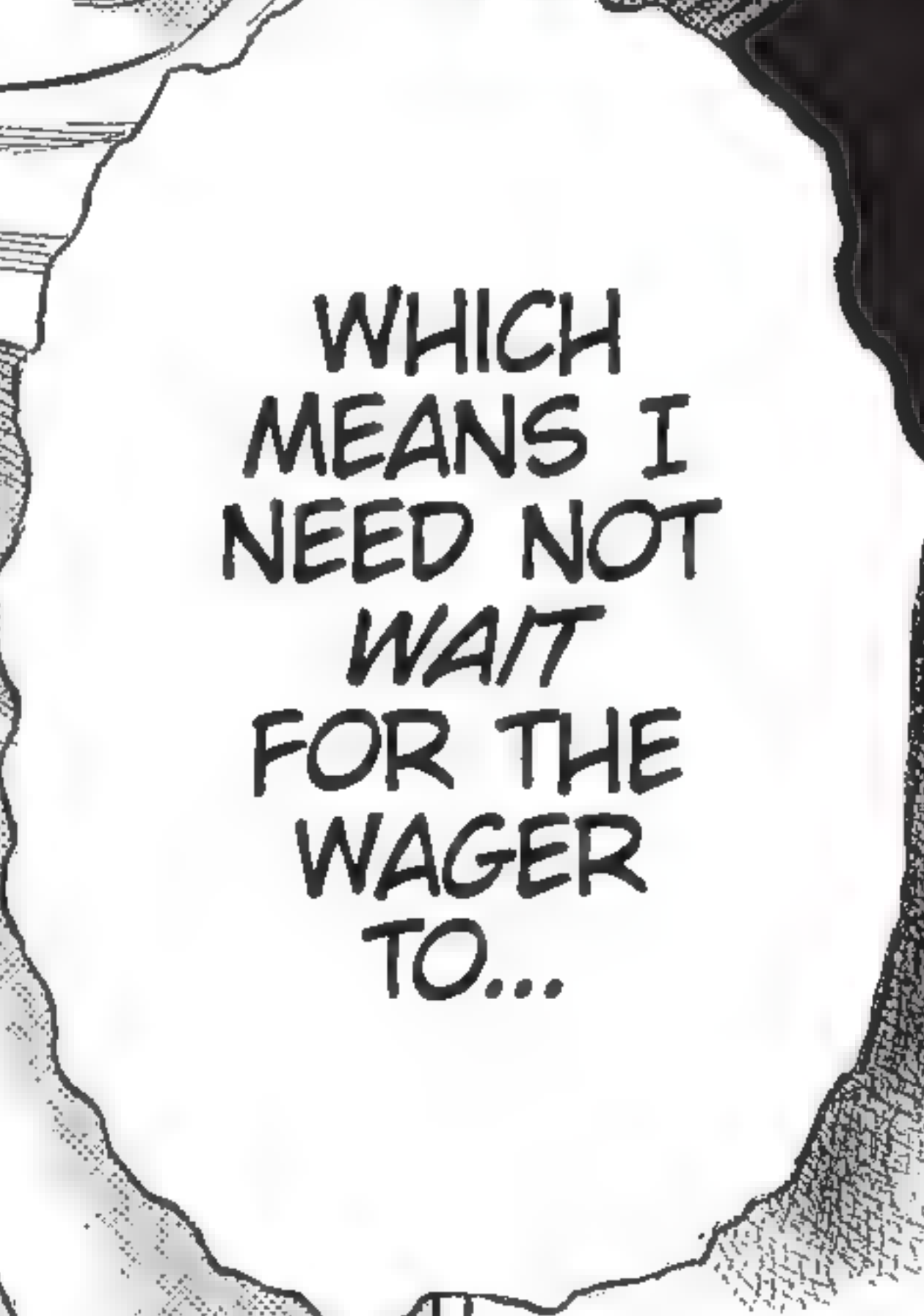


AND
WITH IT,
I SHALL
CONTROL
YOUR
FATE!!

I WILL
KNOW
YOUR
SECRET
!!

A POX
UPON
THESE
FOOLISH
GAMES!

THE OLD
BASTARD'S
INSTINCTS
ARE
SHARPER
THAN I
THOUGHT!

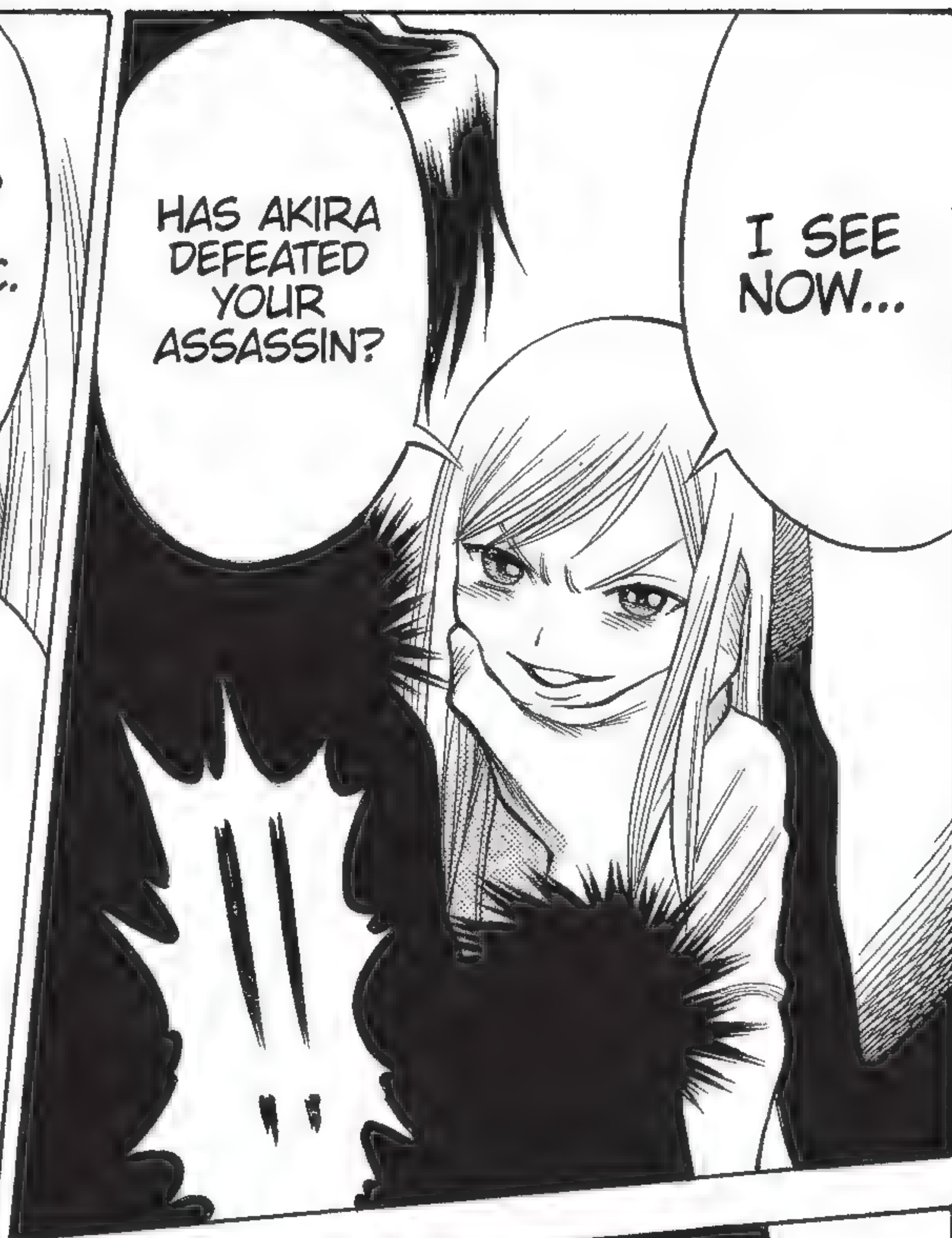




LINHAND
ME,
IVANOVIC.

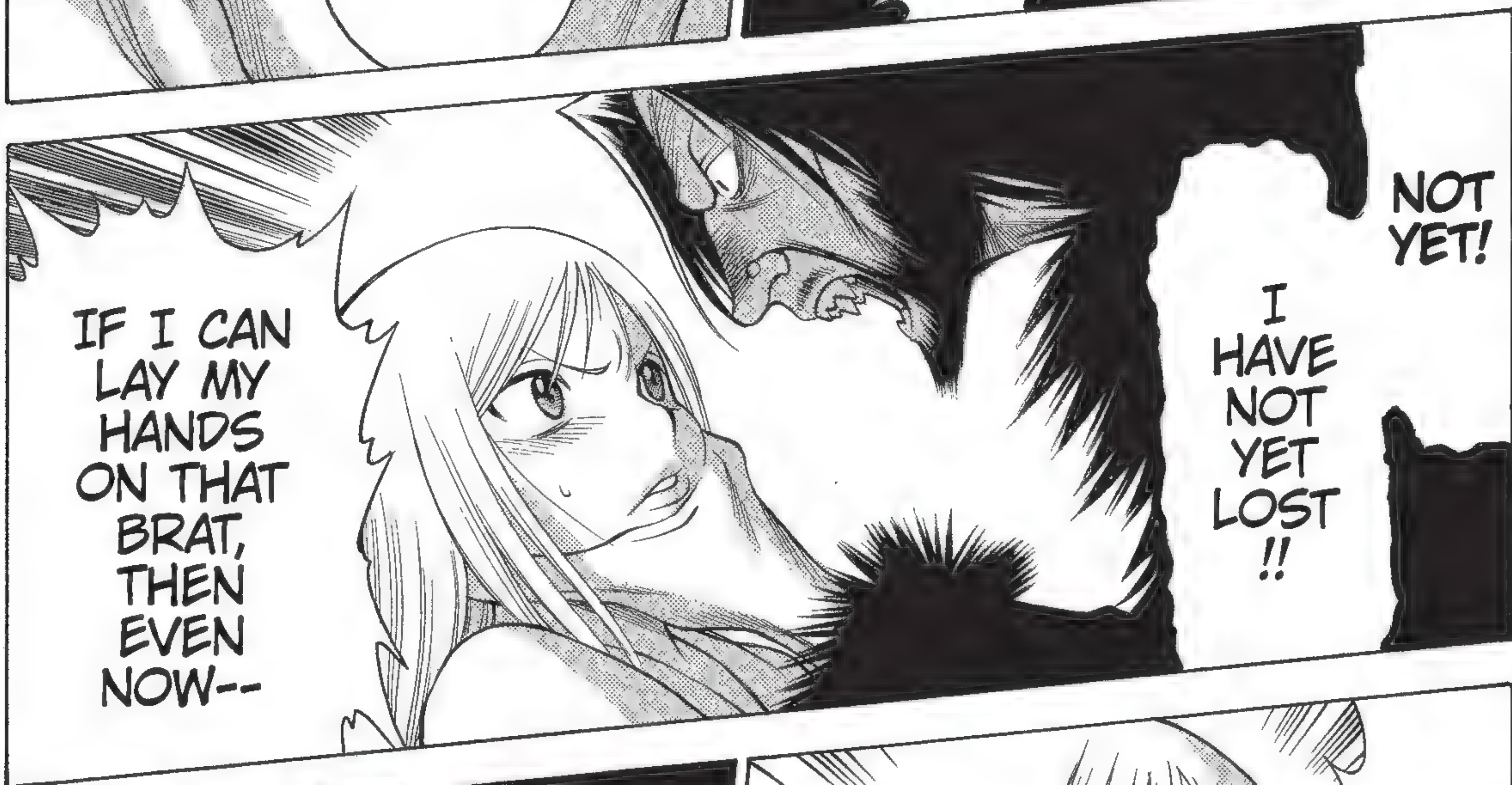
AND YOU
MAY NO
LONGER
SO MUCH
AS
TOUCH
ME!

YOU'VE
LOST
THE
GAME.



HAS AKIRA
DEFEATED
YOUR
ASSASSIN?

I SEE
NOW...



IF I CAN
LAY MY
HANDS
ON THAT
BRAT,
THEN
EVEN
NOW--

I
HAVE
NOT
YET
LOST
!!

NOT
YET!



HEH.



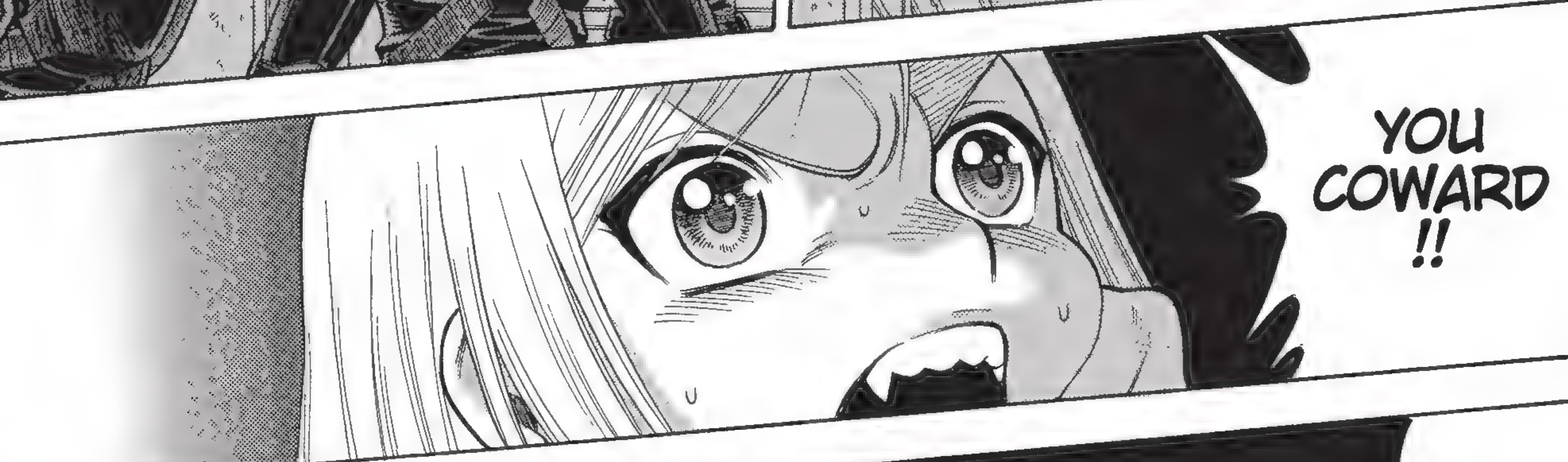
WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE
?!

TELL
ME!



THEY SHOULD
BE MOVING IN
ALONG WITH
ROZENMANN
AND LI'S
ASSASSINS TO
FINISH OFF
THAT FLEA-
RIDDEN CUR
OF YOURS.

I SENT IN
ANOTHER
ELITE TEAM
IN THE
EVENT THAT
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
SHOULD
HAPPEN.



YOU
COWARD
!!



YOU
REALLY
ARE
YOUR
MOTHER'S
CHILD.

HEH
HEH...
SUCH
WORDS.

COWARD
?



ENOUGH!!

HER
FEEBLE
TEACHINGS
HAVE
HOBBLED
HER
DAUGHTER
AS WELL.



THE
FOOL-
ISH
WO-
MAN.





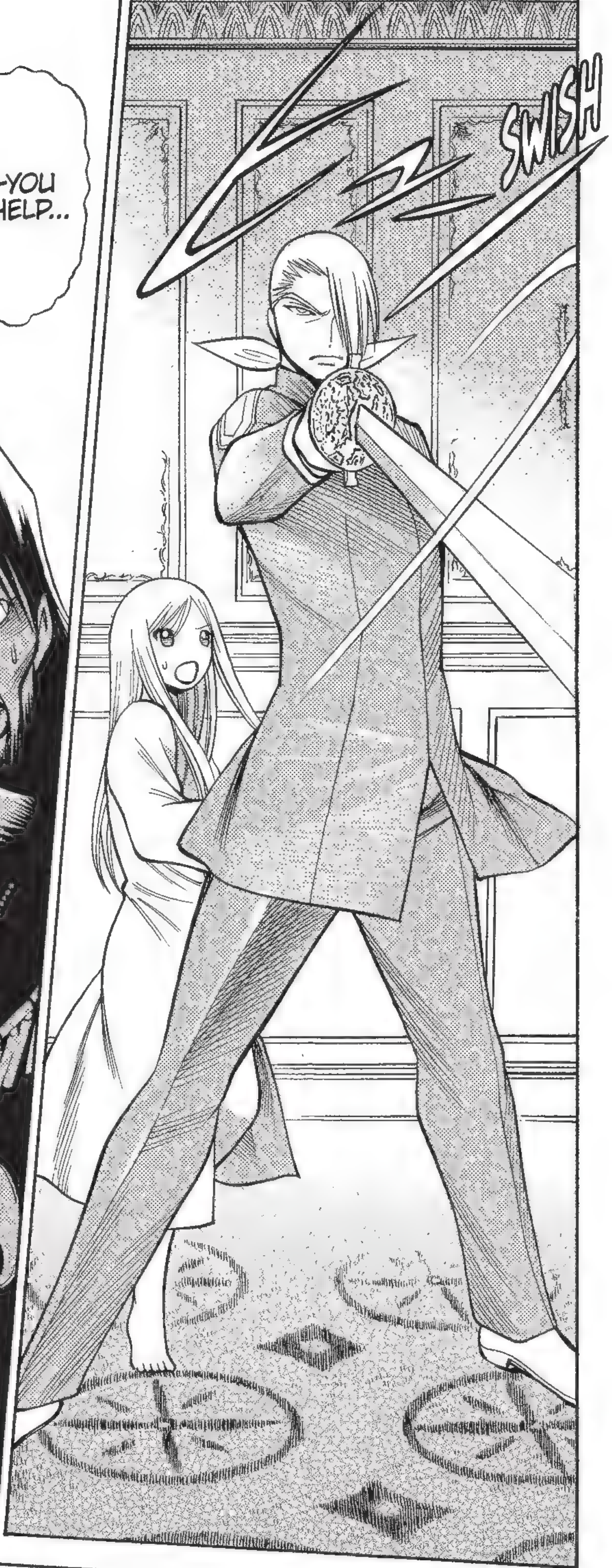
ANY WHO
WOULD
PUT THEIR
HAND
TO MY
MISTRESS
IS MY
ENEMY!

THE
TRUE
BLOOD
ARE
NO
EXCEP-
TION!



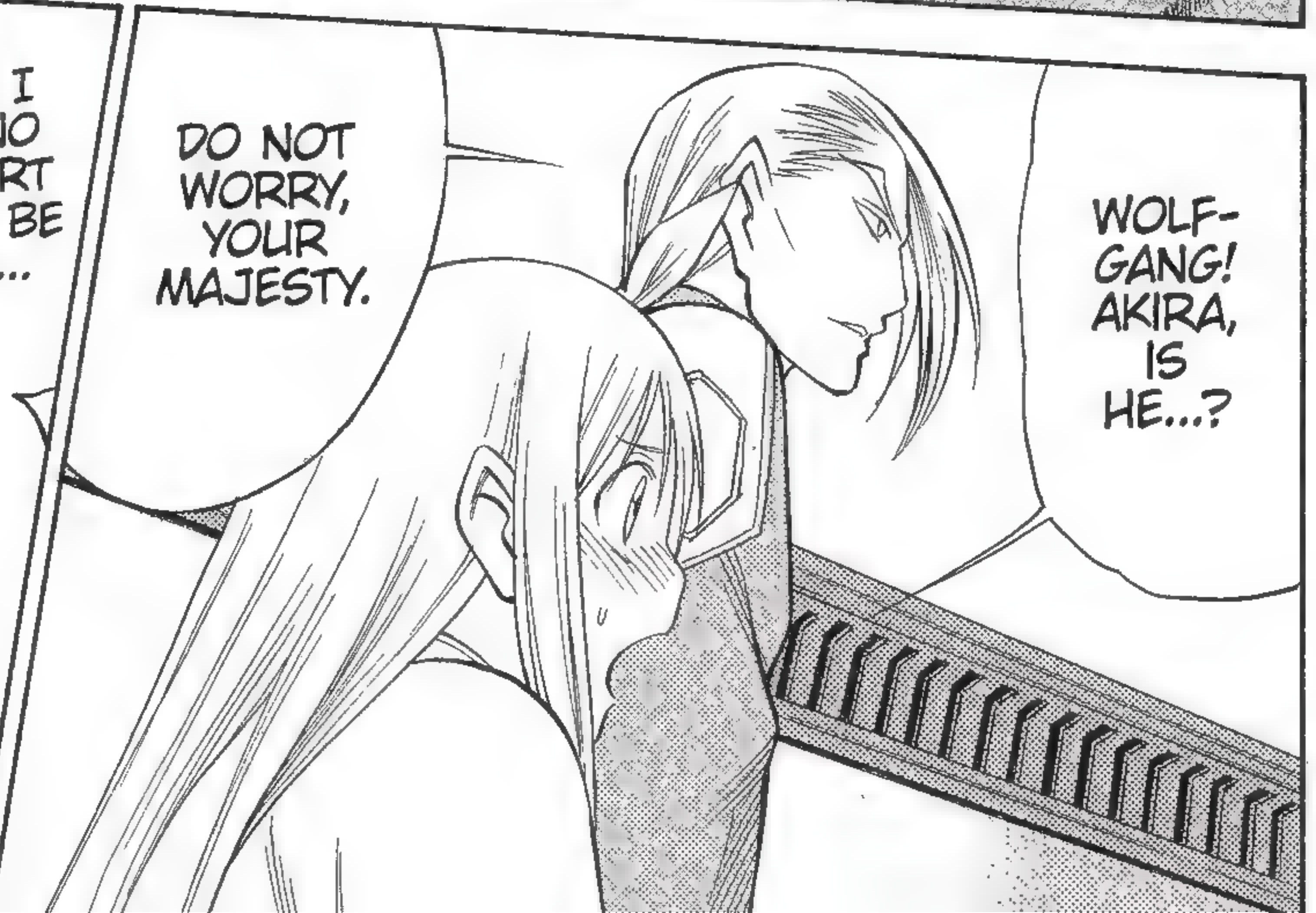
I'M THE
HEAD
OF ONE
OF THE
THREE
GREAT
CLANS...!

Y-YOU
WHELP...



WHEN I
SAID NO
SUPPORT
WOULD BE
GIVEN...

I WAS
ABIDING
BY THE
CONDITIONS
OF THE
WAGER.

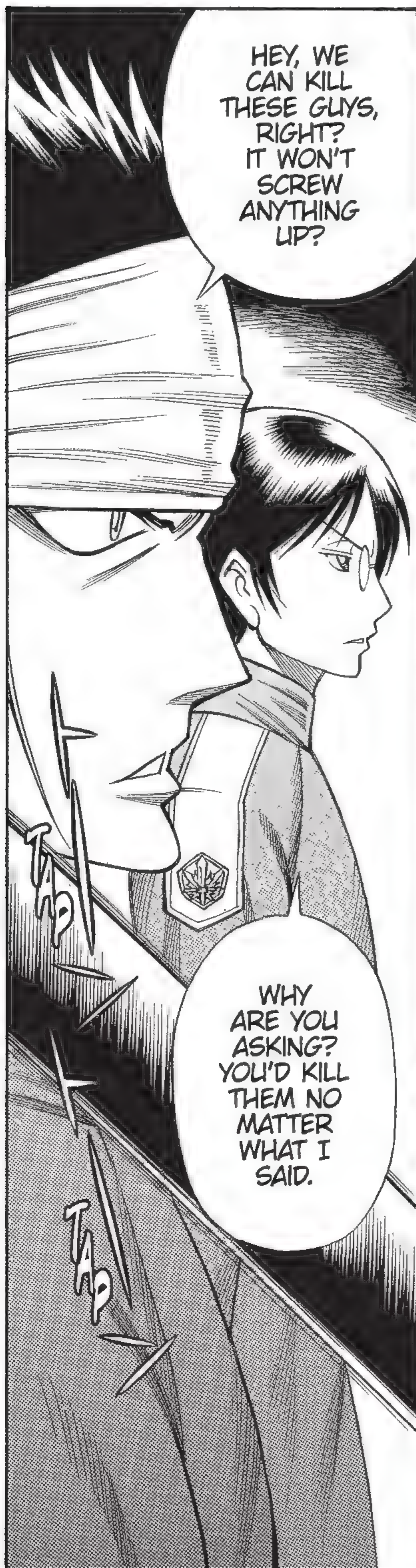


DO NOT
WORRY,
YOUR
MAJESTY.

WOLF-
GANG!
AKIRA,
IS
HE...?



AND TO
THAT WORD,
I WILL
NOT ALLOW
ANYONE
ELSE TO
INTERFERE,
EITHER.



HEY, WE
CAN KILL
THESE GUYS,
RIGHT?
IT WON'T
SCREW
ANYTHING
UP?

WHY
ARE YOU
ASKING?
YOU'D KILL
THEM NO
MATTER
WHAT I
SAID.



DOESN'T
MEAN WE
GOTTA
HOLD
BACK.

MIGHT
AS WELL
FLUCK
'EM UP.

CAN'T
IMAGINE THESE
BASTARDS
ARE UP TO
ANY GOOD.
AND JUST
'CAUSE THE
KID GETS TO
SHOW OFF...

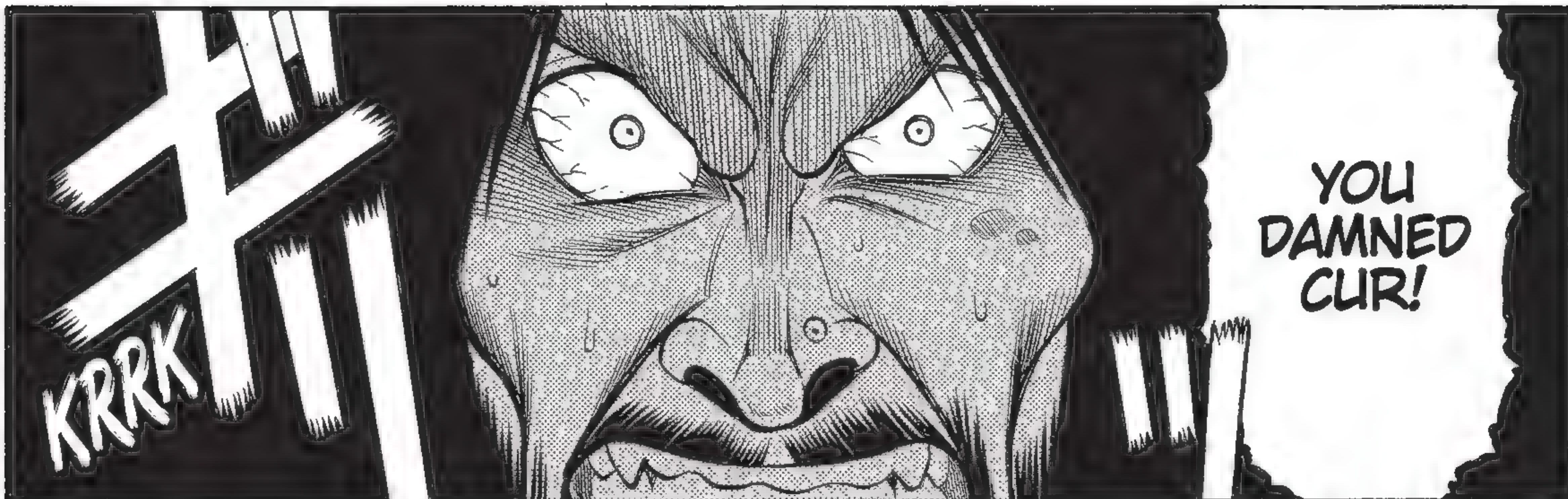
WELL...
HELL,
JUST
LOOK
AT 'EM.

HOW-
EVER...

YOUR
CRUDE
MANNERS
NEVER
SEEM TO
CHANGE.

TODAY,
I'M IN
TOTAL
AGREE-
MENT
WITH
YOU!!

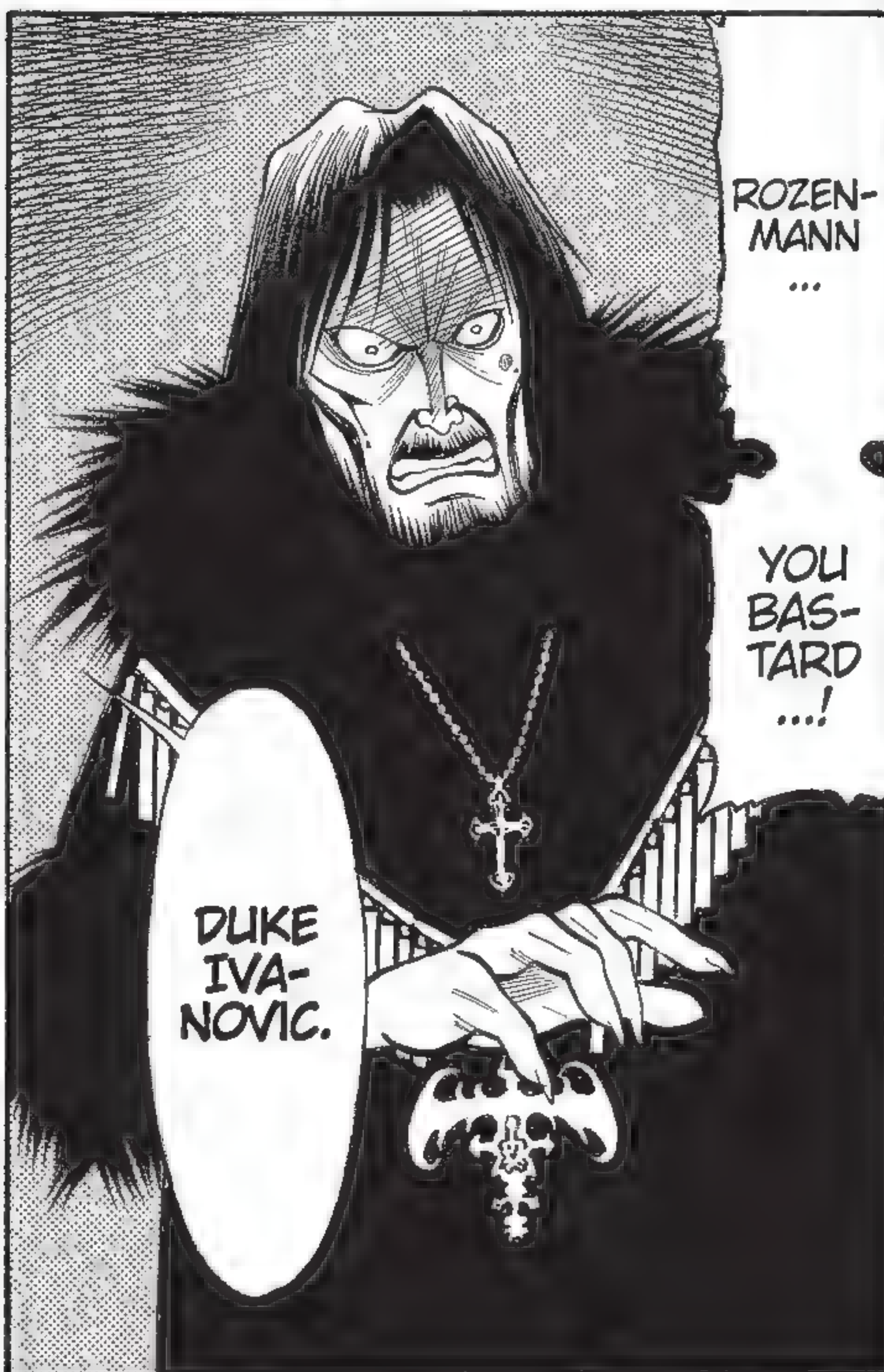
WHSSHH



YOU
DAMNED
CUR!



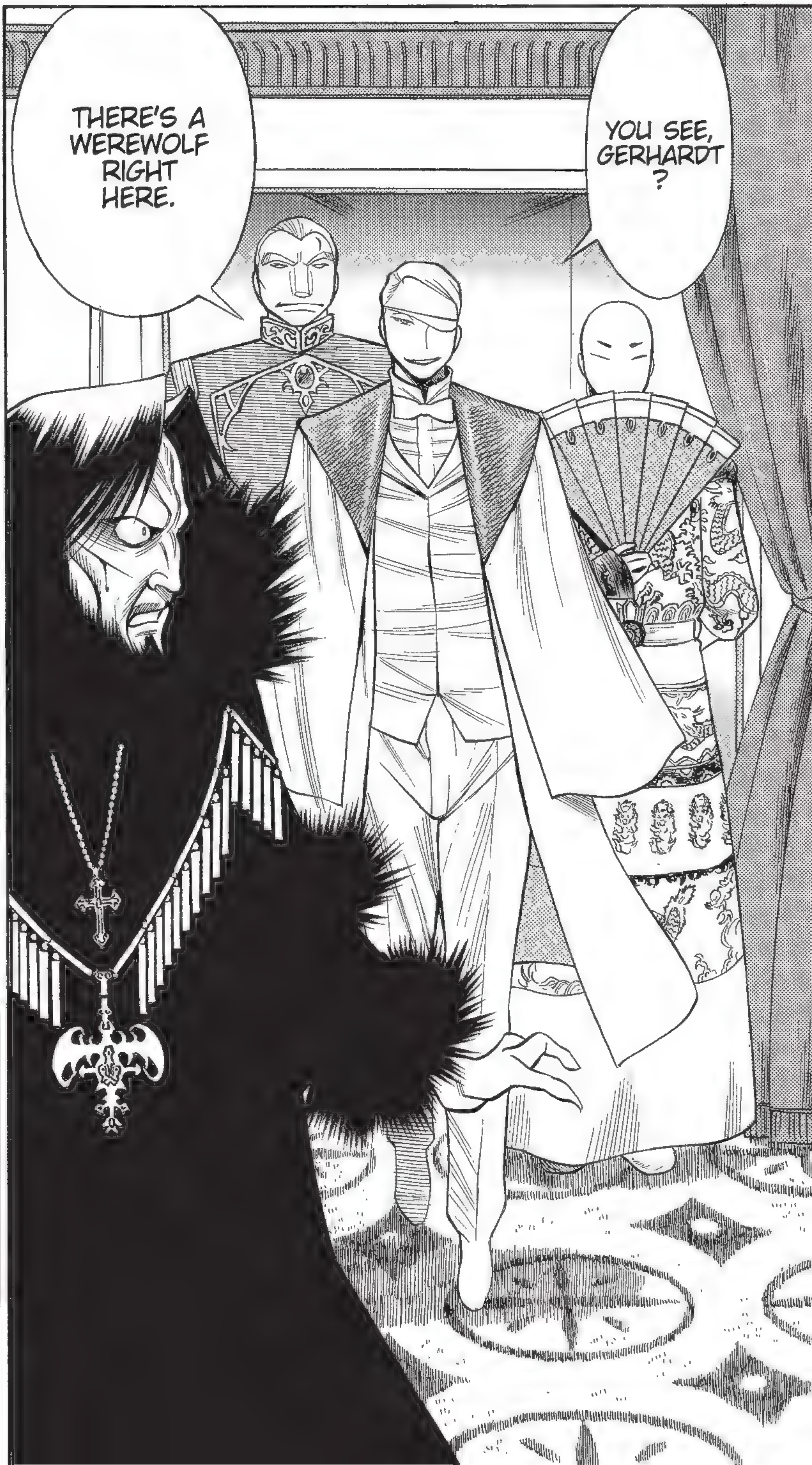
DUKE
IVANOVIC,
DO RETIRE
TO THE
ANTE-
CHAMBER.



DUKE
IVA-
NOVIC.

ROZEN-
MANN
...

YOU
BAS-
TARD
...!



THERE'S A
WEREWOLF
RIGHT
HERE.

YOU SEE,
GERHARDT
?

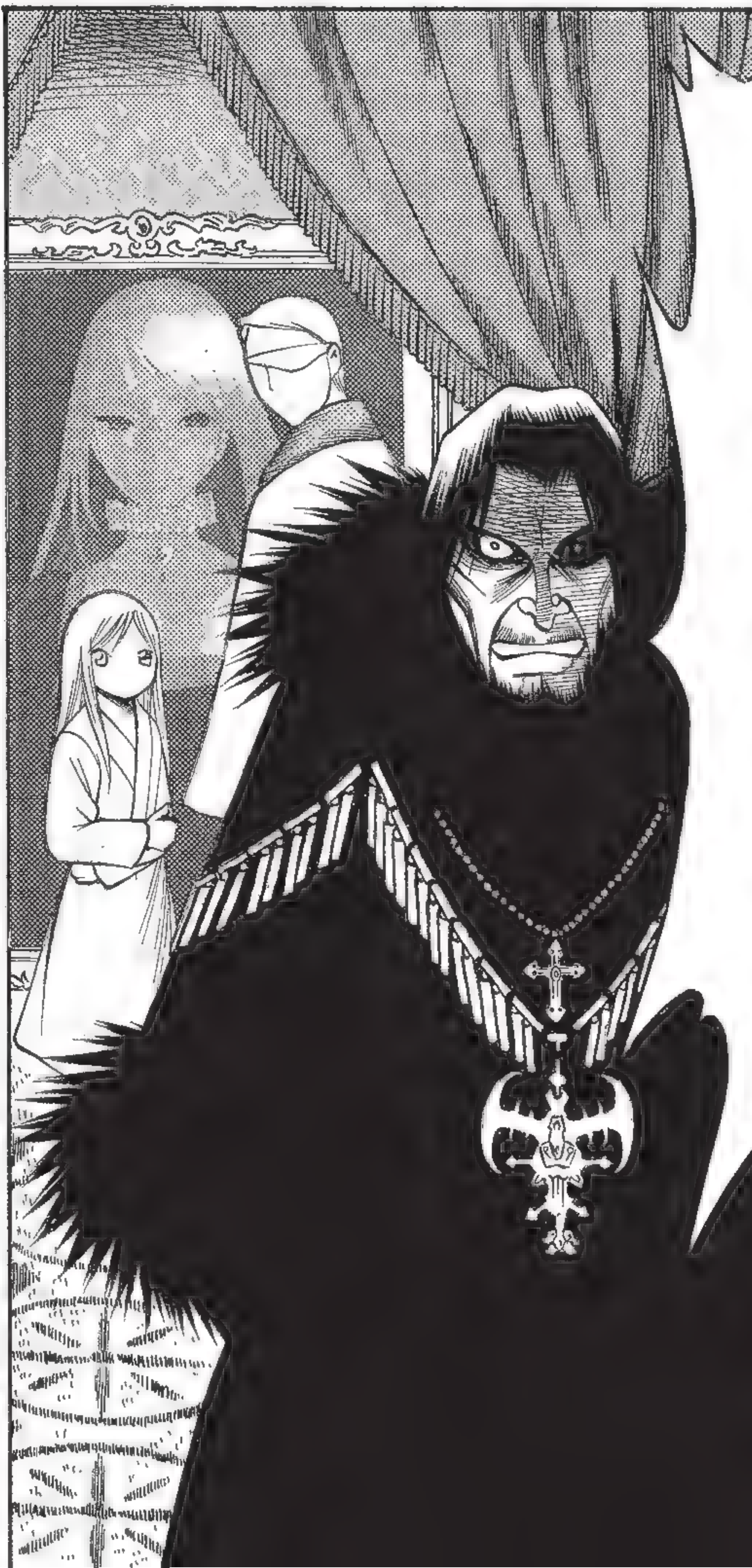
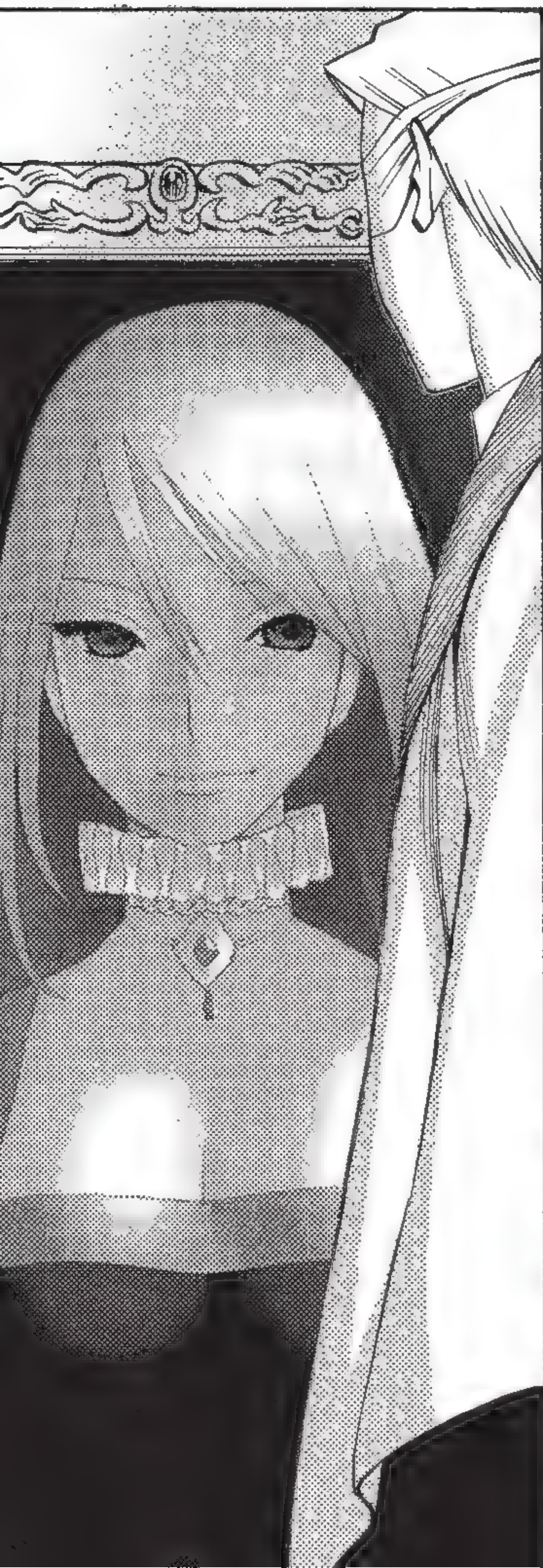


DO
TRY TO
KEEP
THAT IN
MIND.



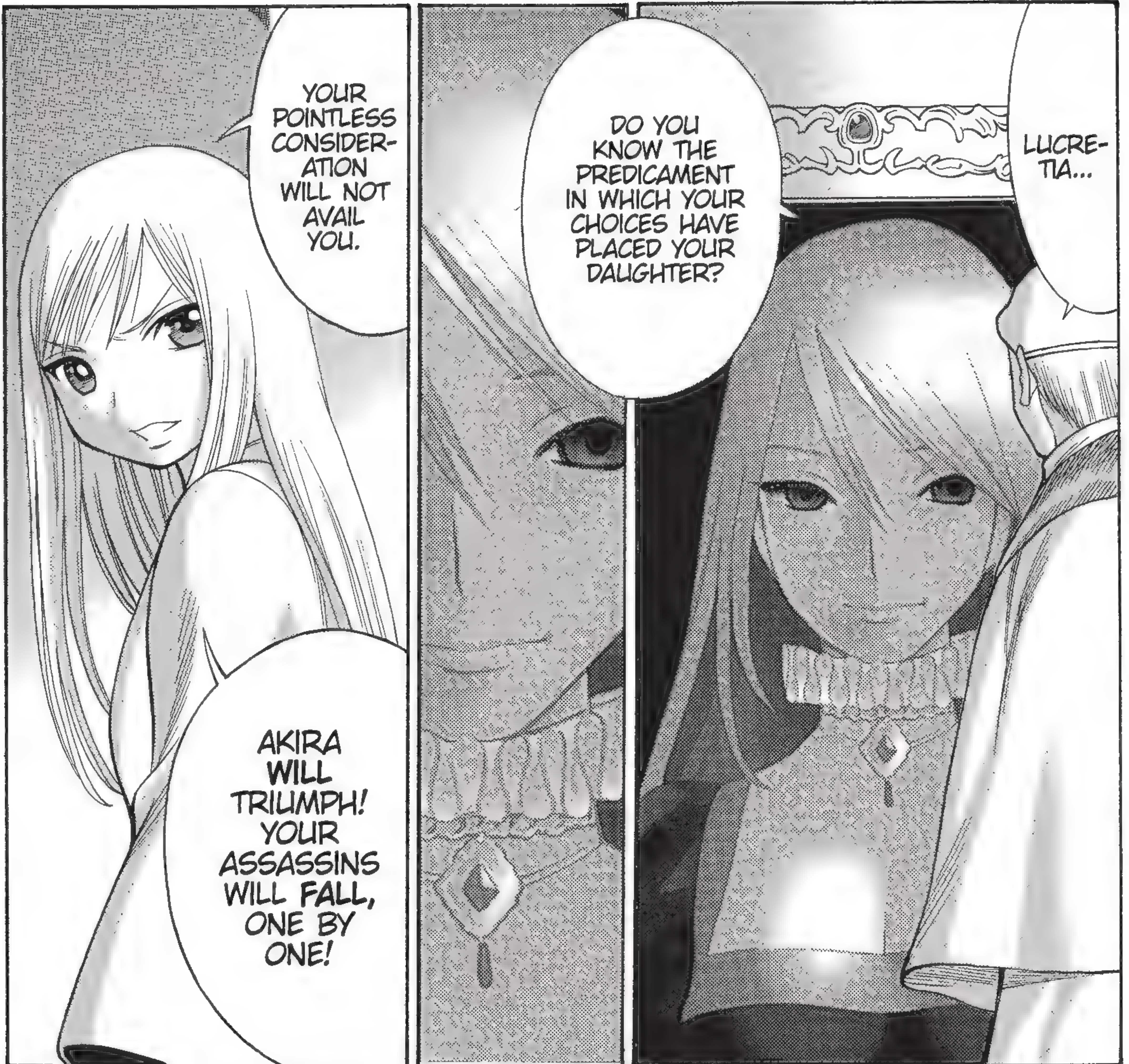
YOU
HAVE
LOST
THE
WAGER.

YOU
ARE NO
LONGER
ONE OF
OUR
PEERS.



G
R
A
A
G
H
!





YOUR
POINTLESS
CONSIDER-
ATION
WILL NOT
AVAIL
YOU.

DO YOU
KNOW THE
PREDICAMENT
IN WHICH YOUR
CHOICES HAVE
PLACED YOUR
DAUGHTER?

LUCRE-
TIA...

AKIRA
WILL
TRIUMPH!
YOUR
ASSASSINS
WILL FALL,
ONE BY
ONE!



IF HE CAN
SURVIVE
THROUGH
THE NIGHT,
IT WOULD
NOT BE...
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR HIM
TO RETURN
ALIVE.

LET ME
ASK YOU
THIS,
YOUR
MAJESTY
...


WHY IS
THAT, I
WONDER
?

YET YOUR
MAJESTY HAS
VENTURED
TO BET ON A
CONFRONTATION.



HE WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
THOSE
WHO
SHAME
ME.

BECAUSE
AKIRA
WILL NOT
FORGIVE
YOU.

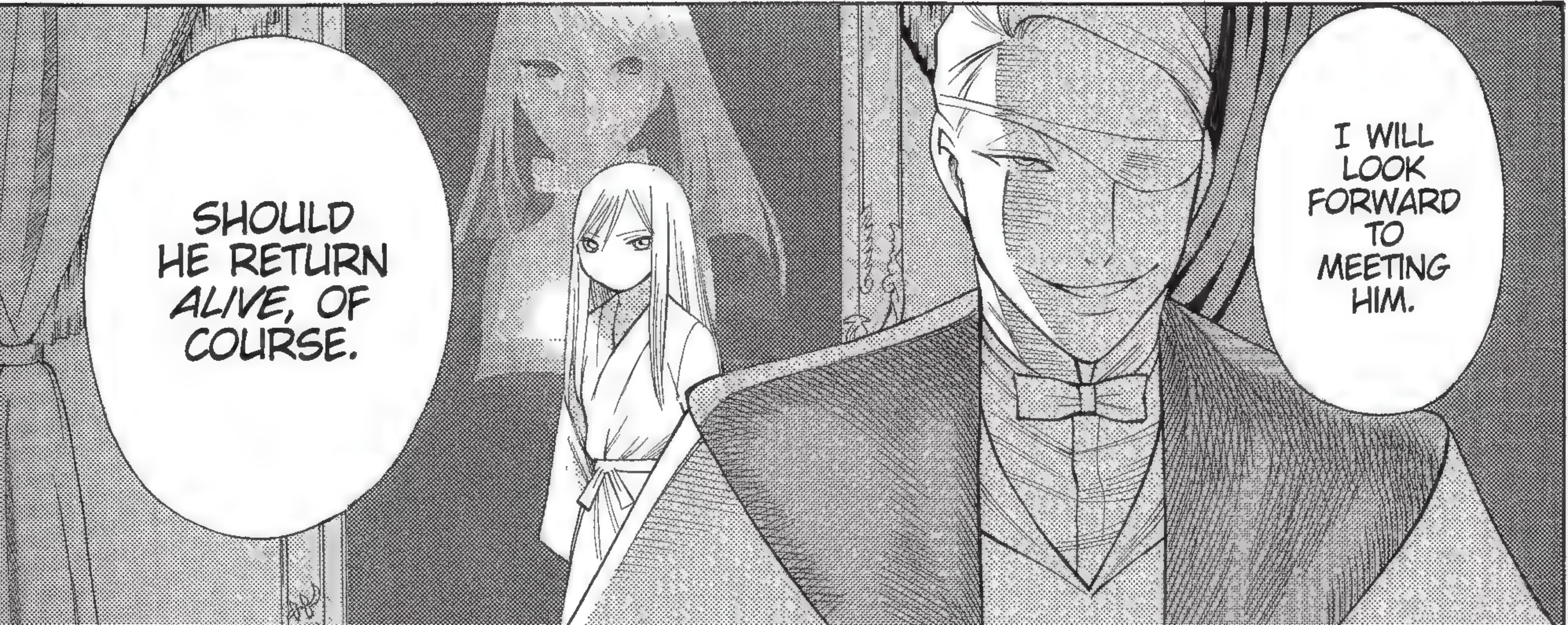


THAT
IS THE
SORT
OF MAN
HE IS.



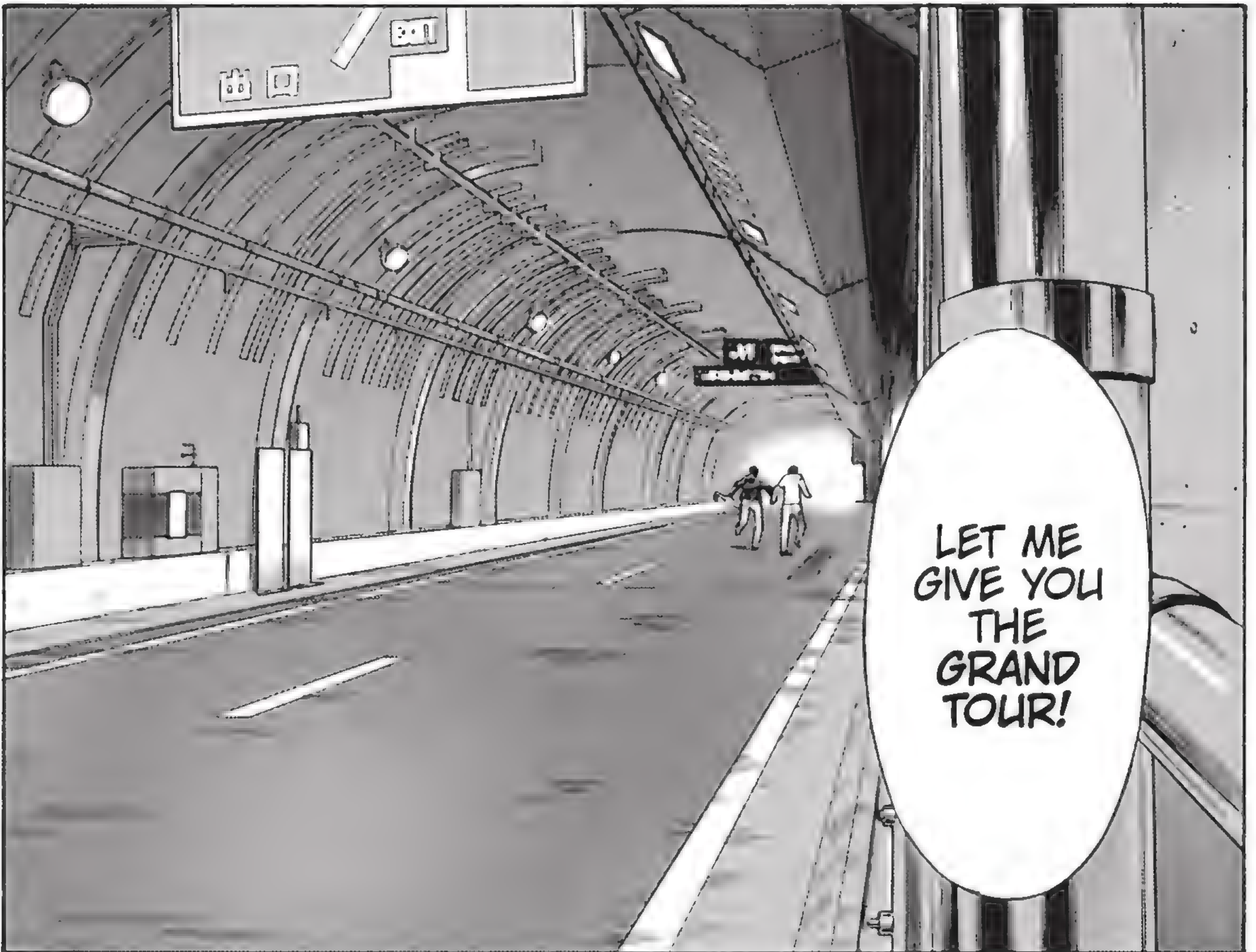
IN-
DEED.

.....



SHOULD
HE RETURN
ALIVE, OF
COURSE.

I WILL
LOOK
FORWARD
TO
MEETING
HIM.





TOKYO'S
SPECIAL
WARD, ALSO
KNOWN
AS THE
VAMPIRE
BUND.

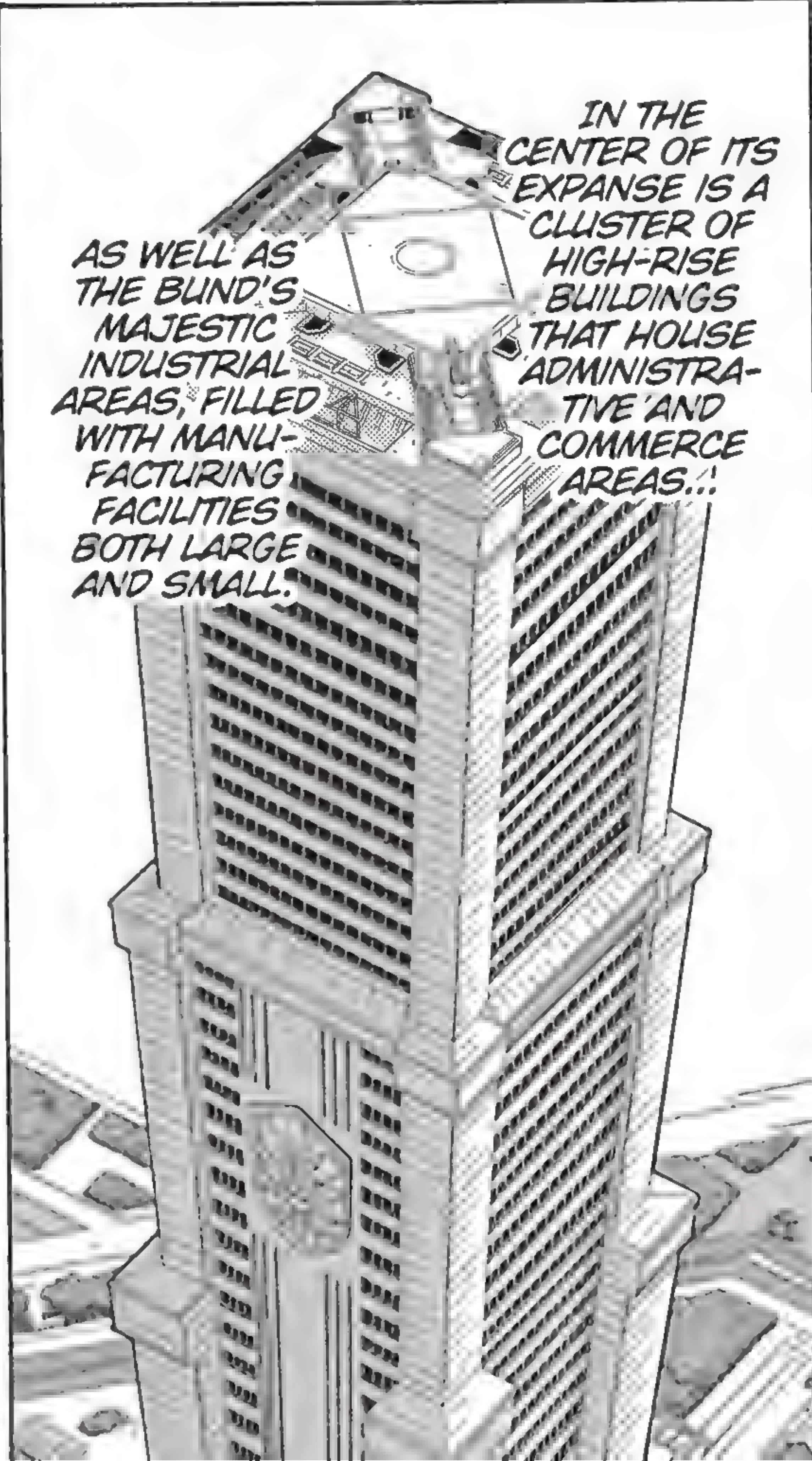
THE ARTIFICIAL
ISLAND'S
TOTAL AREA
IS 1,651
HECTARES,
WITH A
POPULATION
OF 100,000.

ESTABLISHED
BY THE
SEVENTH
REVISED TOKYO
BAY PROJECT,
IT IS SITUATED
OFF THE COAST
OF THE OTA AND
SHINAGAWA
WARDS.



HOWEVER...

WHAT IS LESS
WELL-KNOWN
IS THAT A
STILL LARGER
SPACE EXISTS
BENEATH
THE ISLAND.



IN THE
CENTER OF ITS
EXPANSE IS A
CLUSTER OF
HIGH-RISE
BUILDINGS
THAT HOUSE
ADMINISTRA-
TIVE AND
COMMERCE
AREAS...
AS WELL AS
THE BUND'S
MAJESTIC
INDUSTRIAL
AREAS, FILLED
WITH MANU-
FACTURING
FACILITIES
BOTH LARGE
AND SMALL.



A TRUE UNDERGROUND.

THE VAMPIRE BLIND'S GEO-FRONTIER.

THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SPECIAL WARD ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO ALL RESIDENTS.

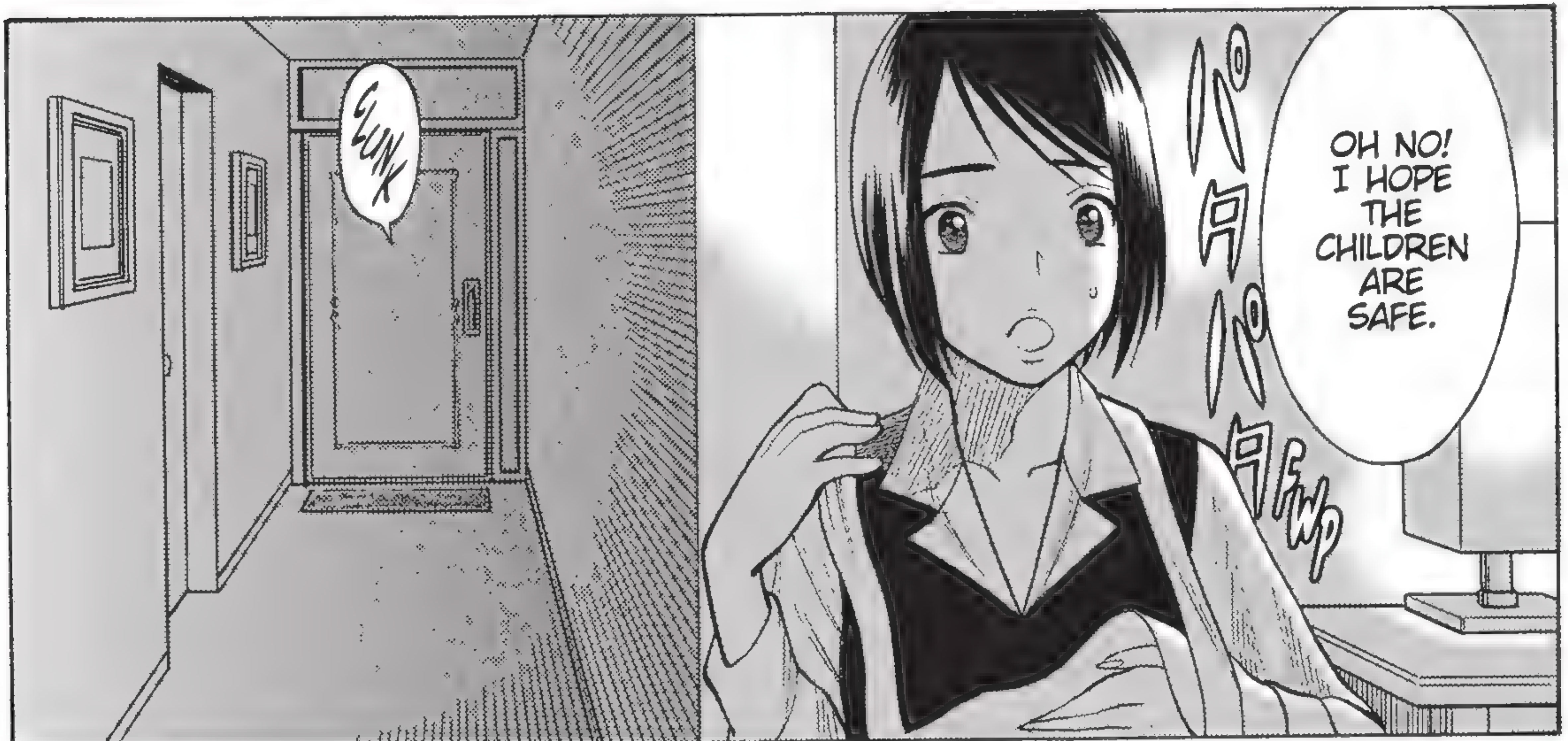
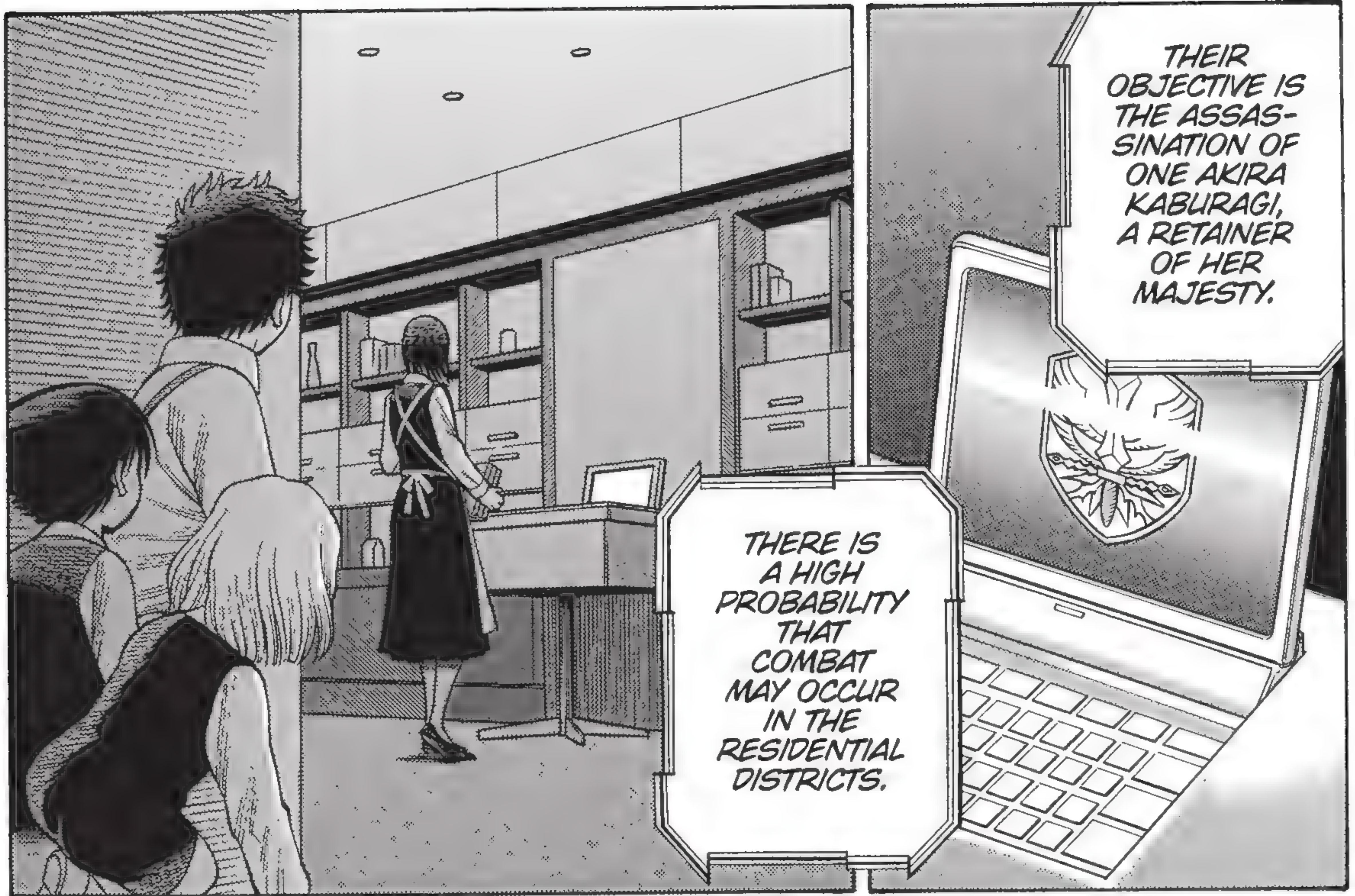
ENEMY ELEMENTS HAVE BREACHED THE GEO-FRONTIER.



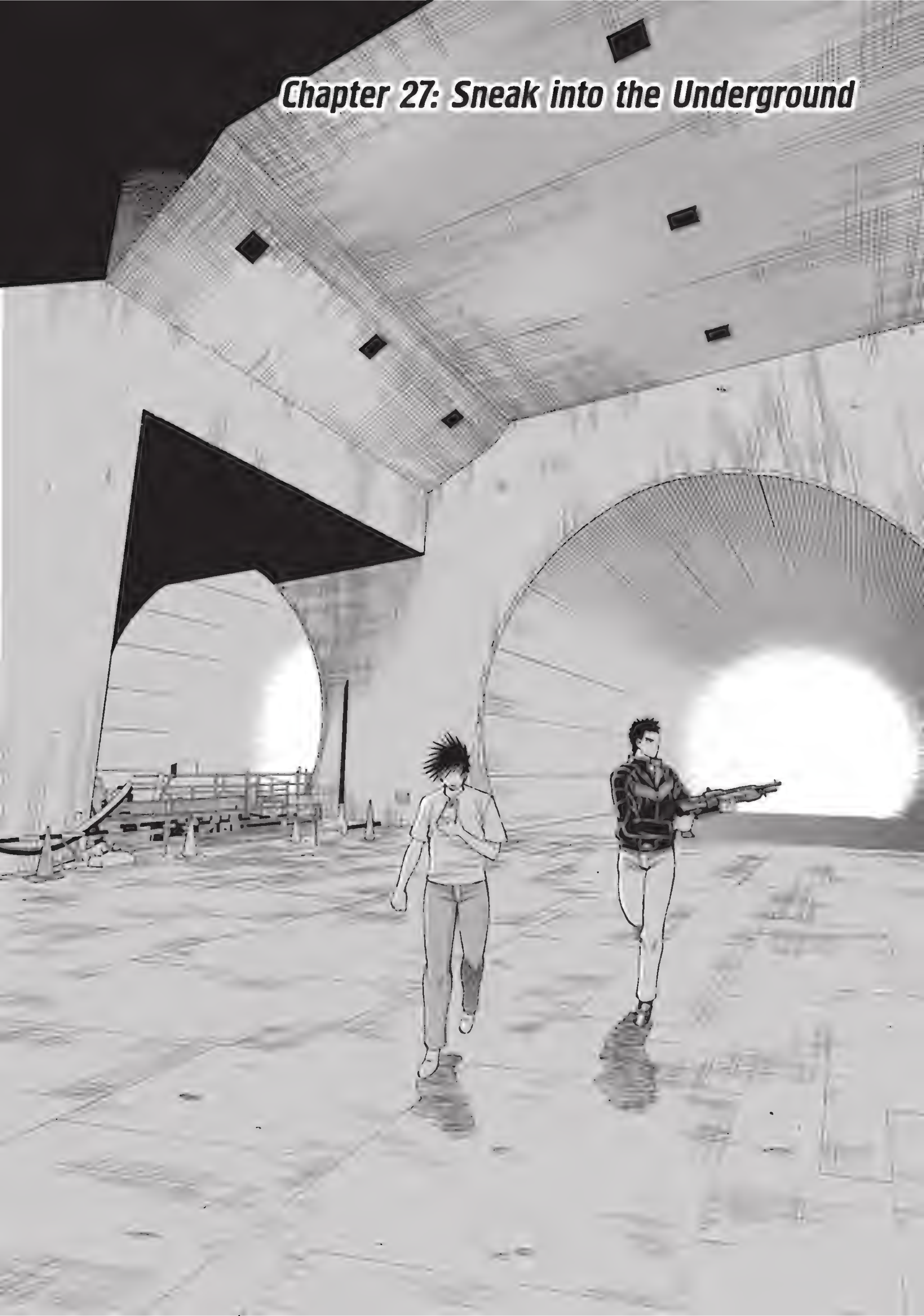
A SPACE WHERE THE SUN-FEARING VAMPIRE POPULATION...

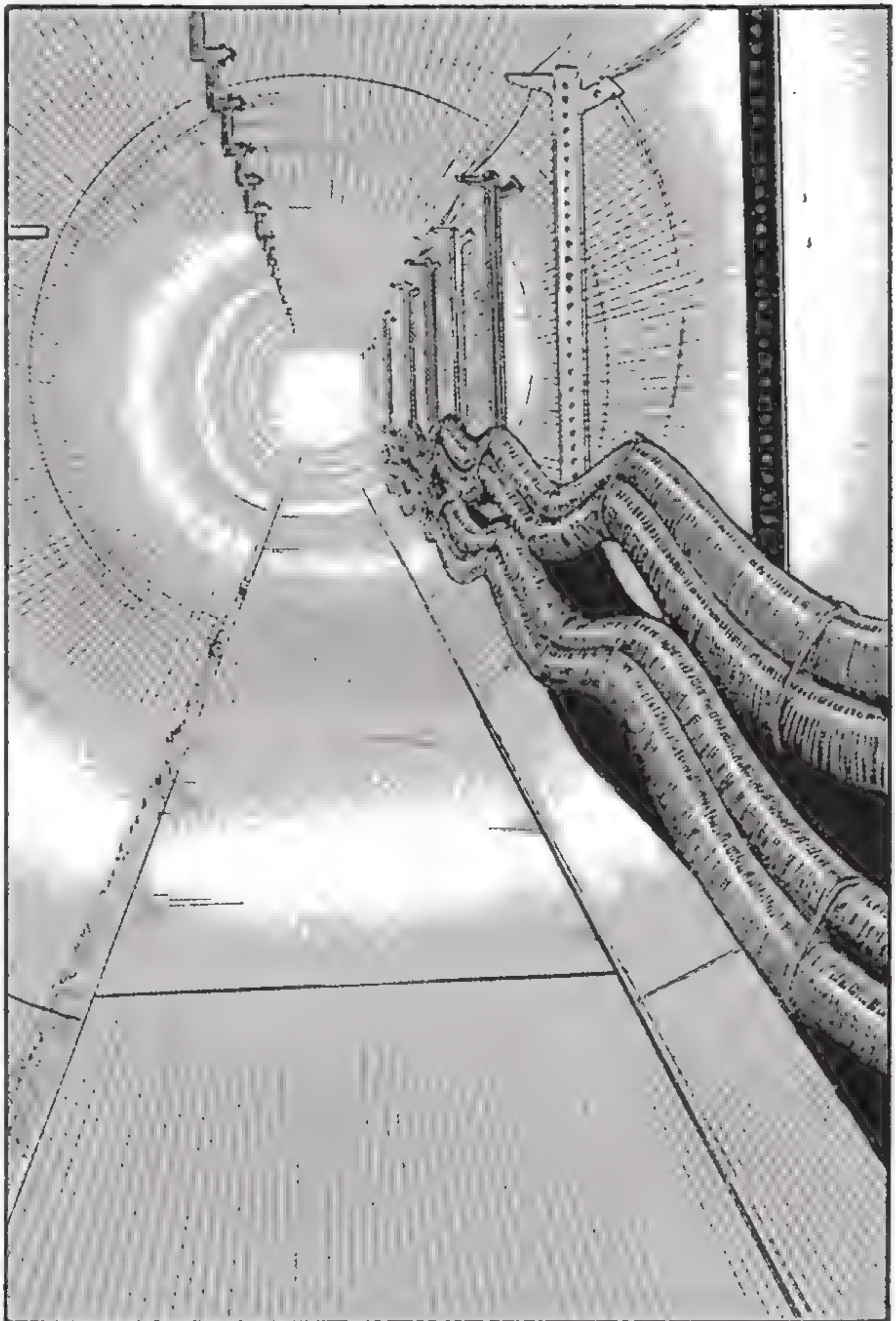
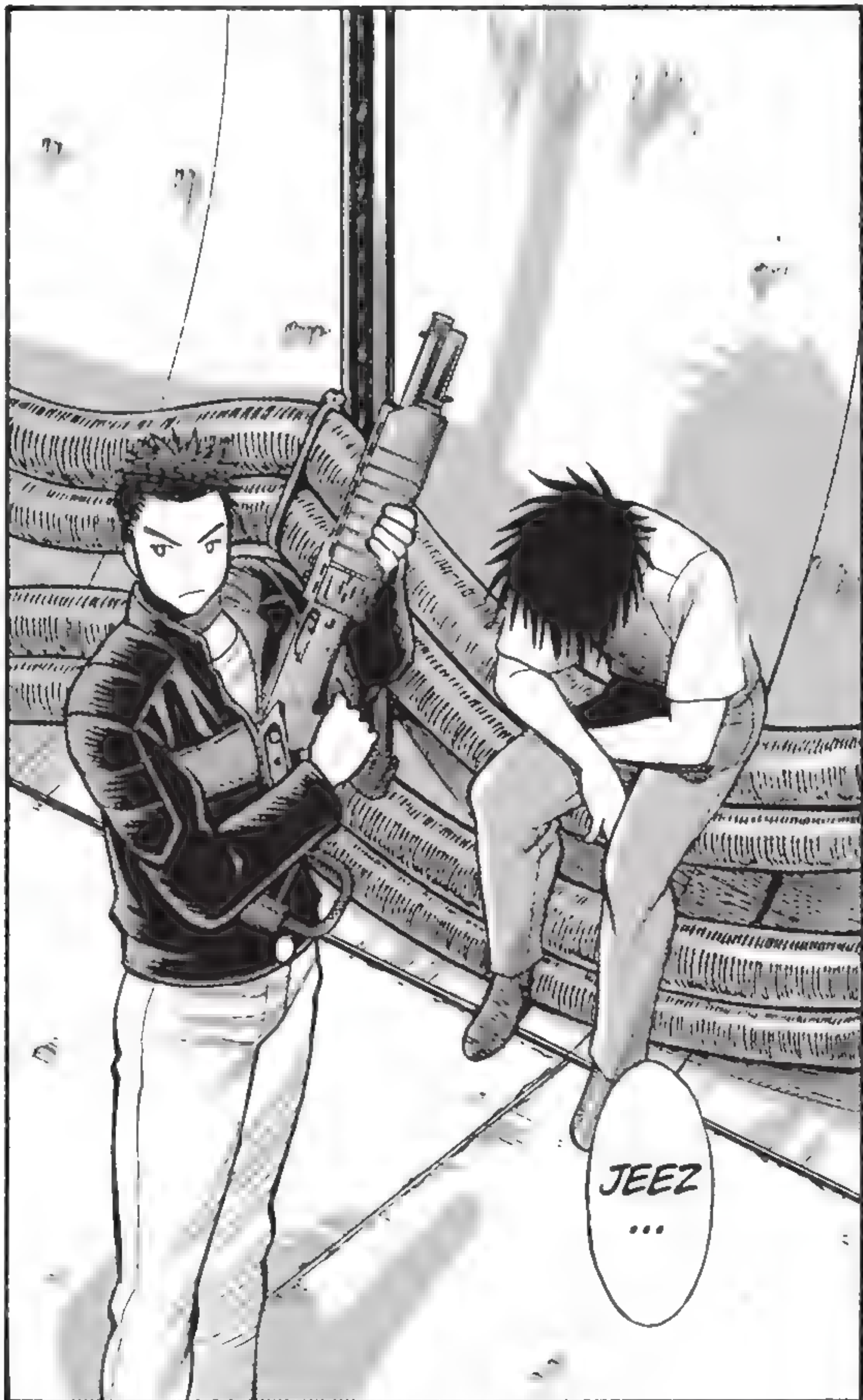
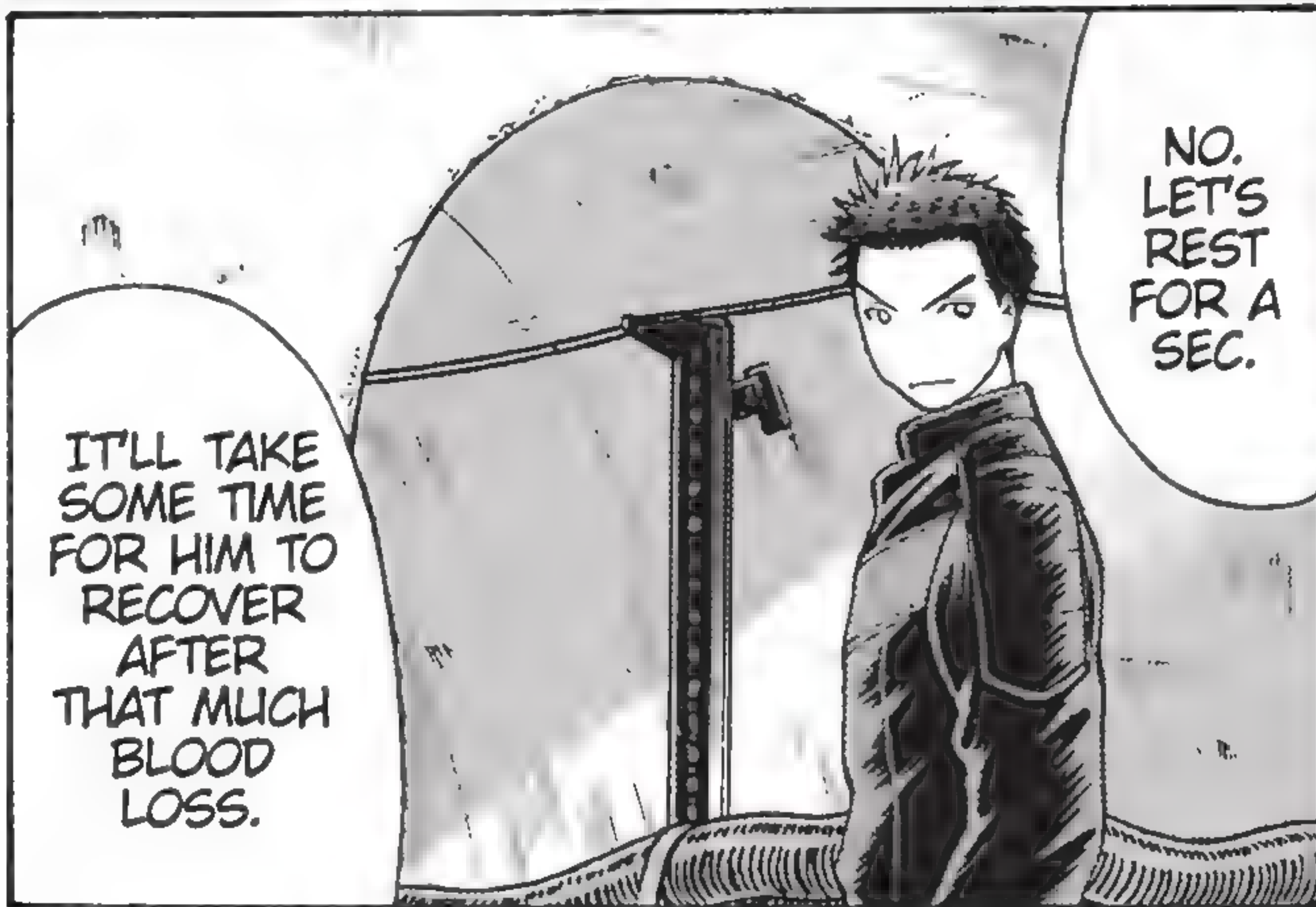
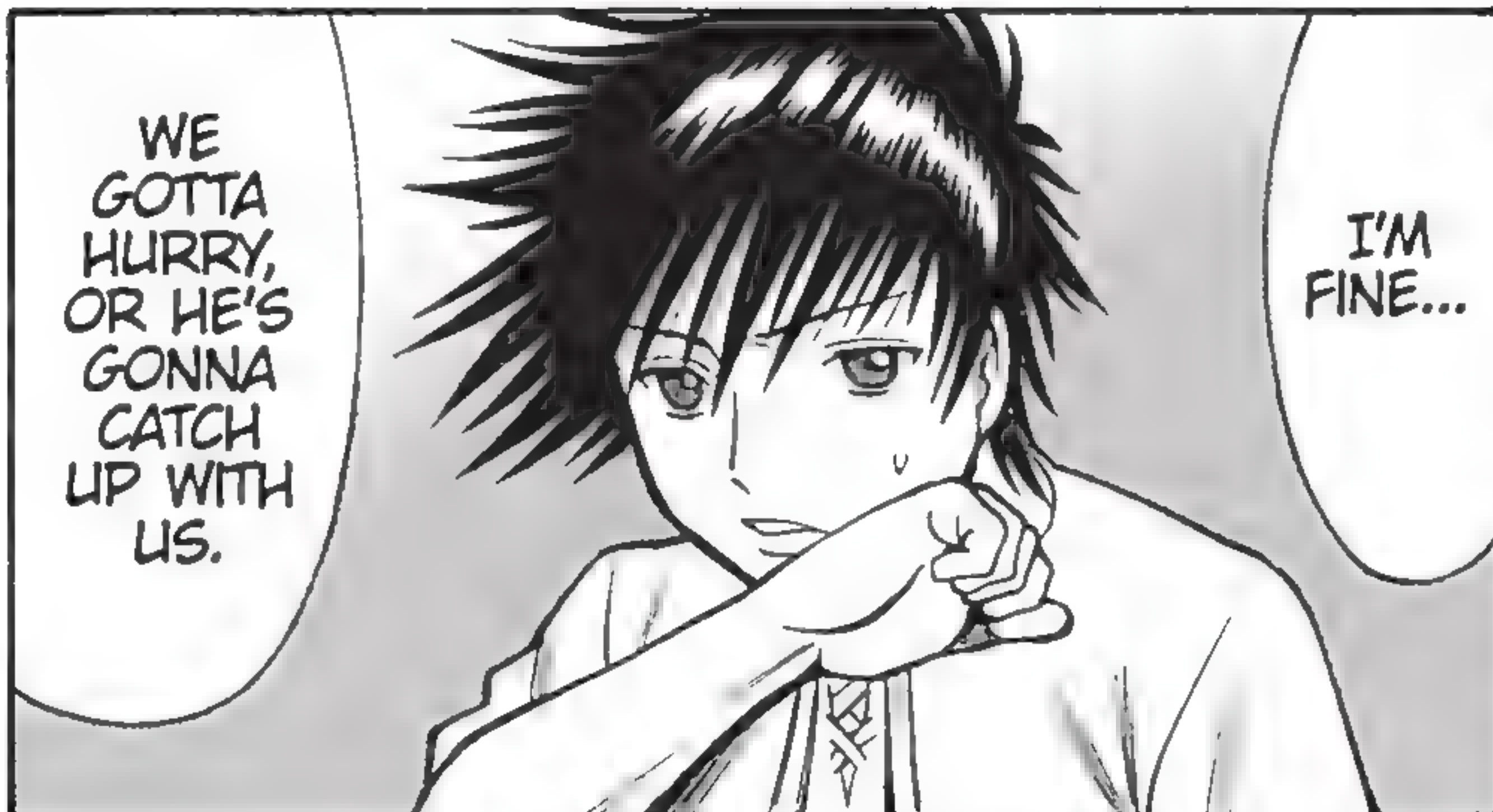
CAN FINALLY LIVE IN COMFORT AND SAFETY.

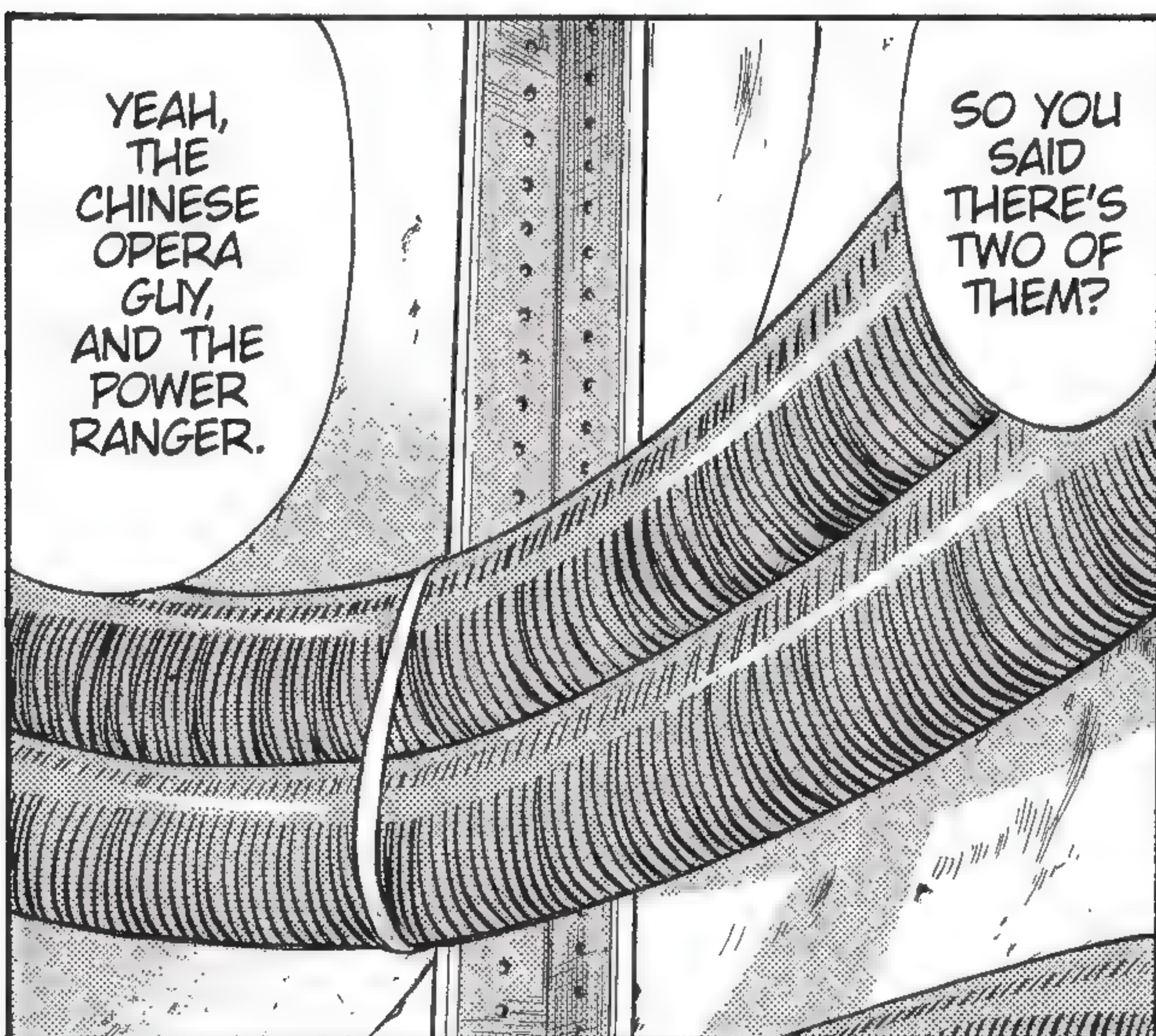


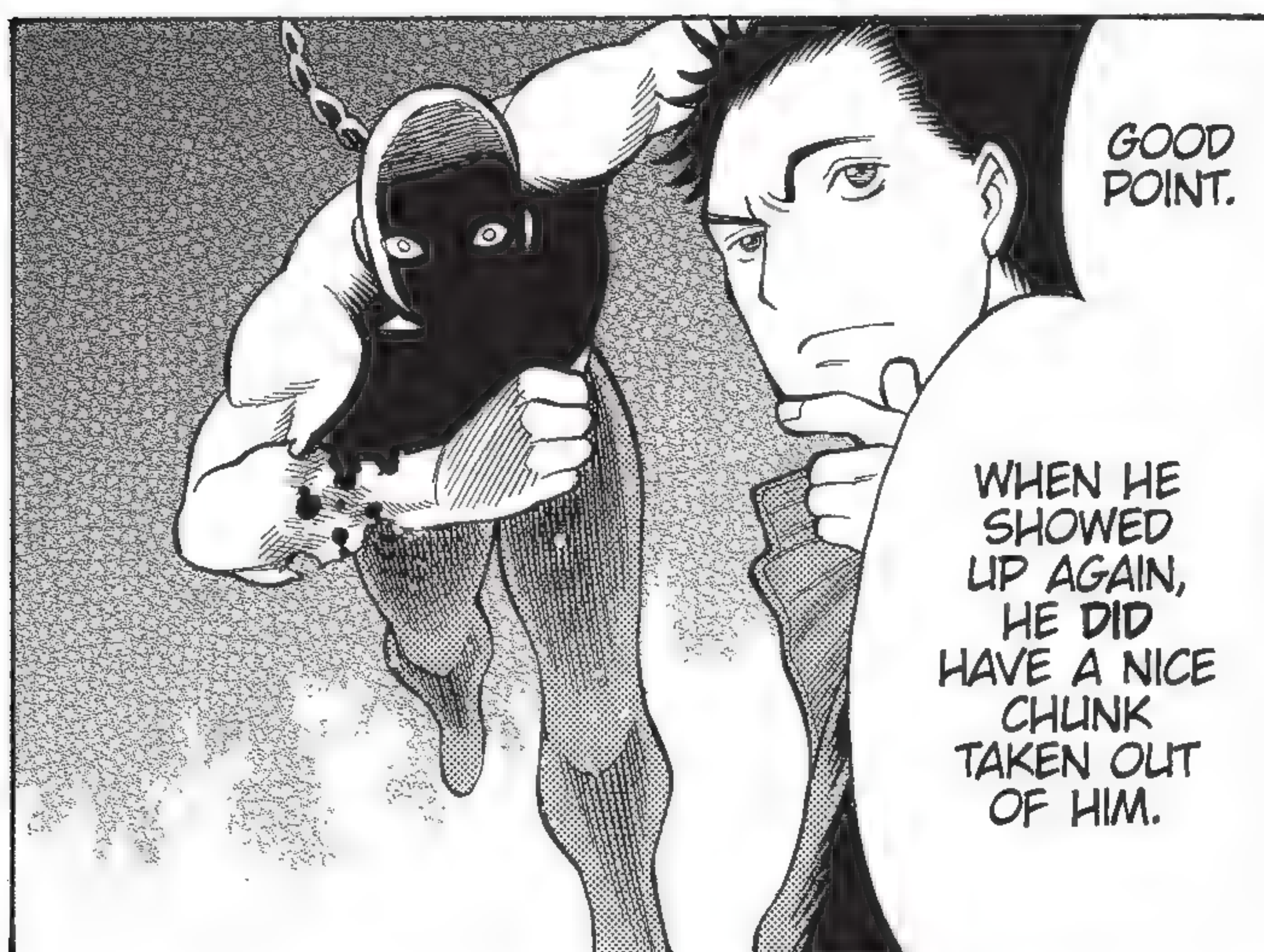


Chapter 27: Sneak into the Underground











SO IT
COULD BE
A NEW
TYPE OF
VAMPIRE?

HELL,
DOES IT
REALLY
MATTER?
JUST GOTTA
SHOOT IT
UNTIL IT
STOPS
TWITCHING.



I
DON'T
KNOW.

MAYBE
HE REALLY
DOES HAVE
SOME
KIND OF
POWER.



THERE
ARE
PEOPLE
WITH
BIZARRE
POWERS...

LIKE THAT
SHAPE
SHIFTER
GUY I
TOOK DOWN
EARLIER.



YOUR
GUNPLAY
ISN'T
EXACTLY
NORMAL.
MOST COPS
DON'T
SHOOT
LIKE
THAT.



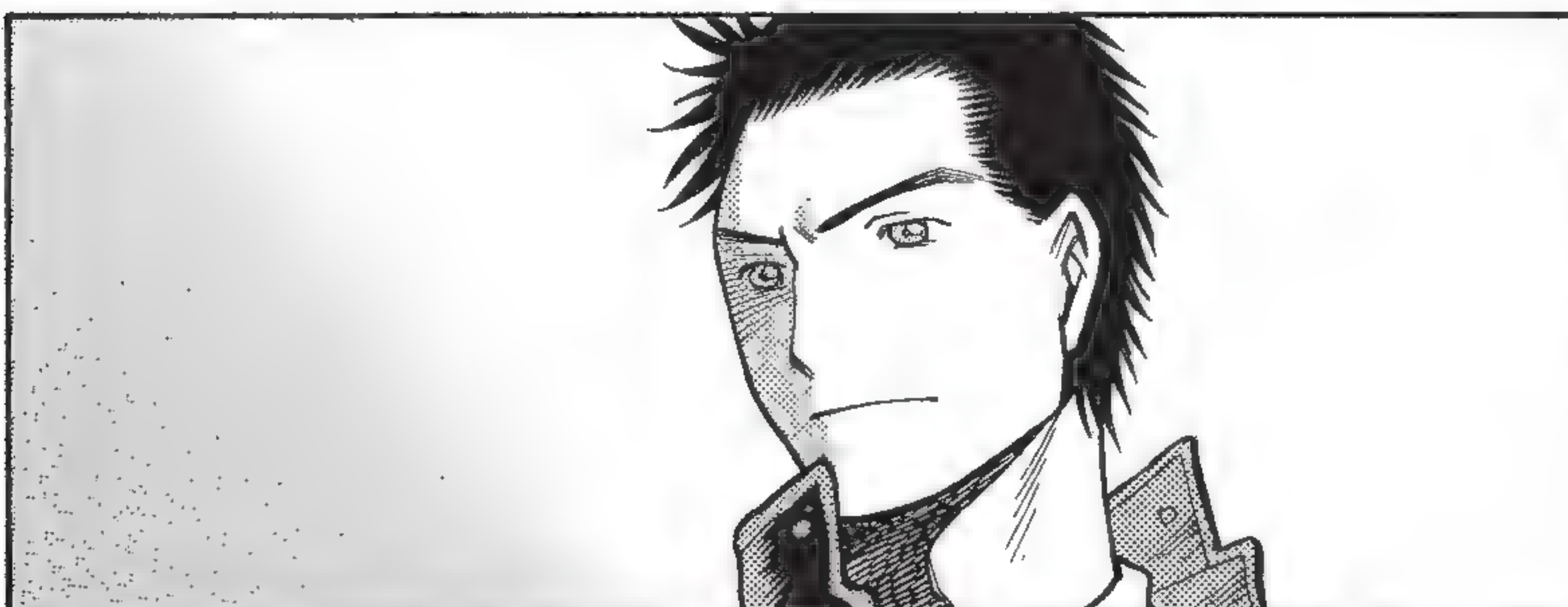
WHY
DO YOU
ASK?

WELL,
I
MEAN
...



HAMASEIJI-
SAN,
WHAT'D
YOU DO
BEFORE YOU
WERE AN
INSPECTOR?







I CAN REMEMBER...

WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO RIP APART RAW FLESH.



YOU SCARED TO FIGHT?



AND THEN THERE'S THAT BITTER IRON TASTE THAT FILLS MY MOUTH FROM ALL THE BLOOD.

THE BONES BREAK WITH THIS LOUD SNAP THAT ECHOES IN MY TEETH.



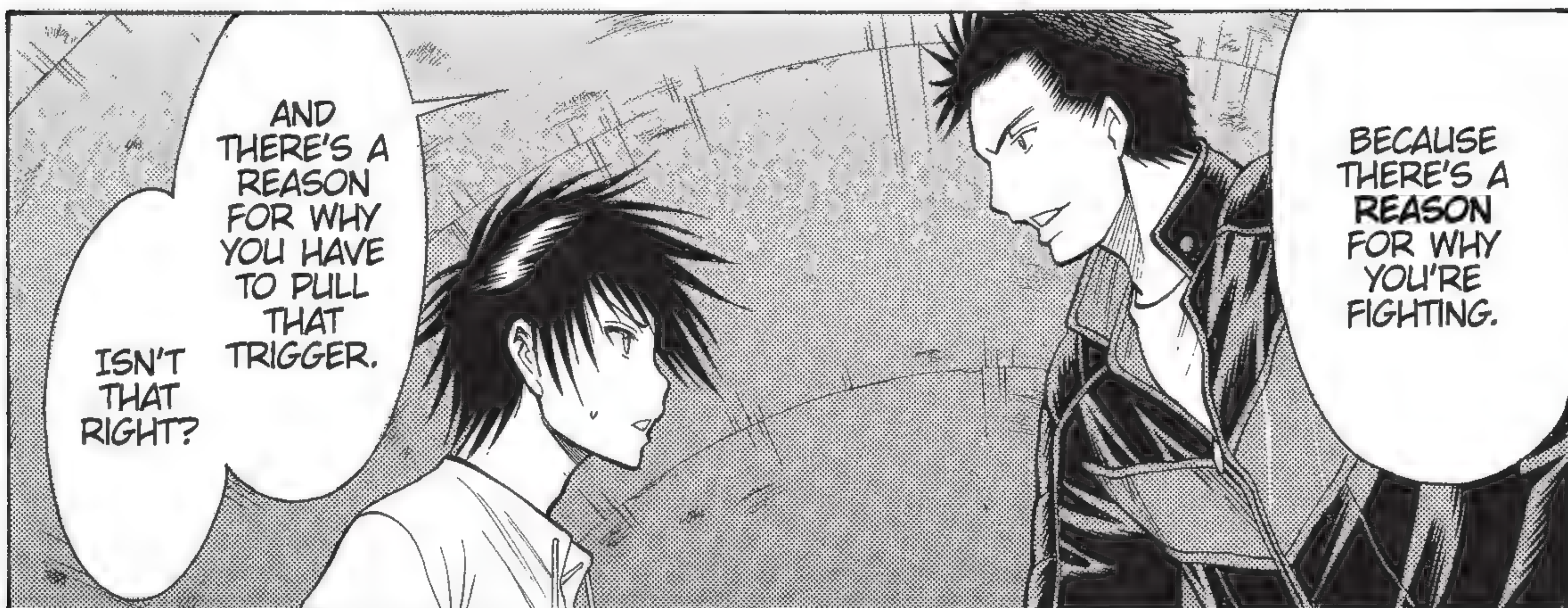
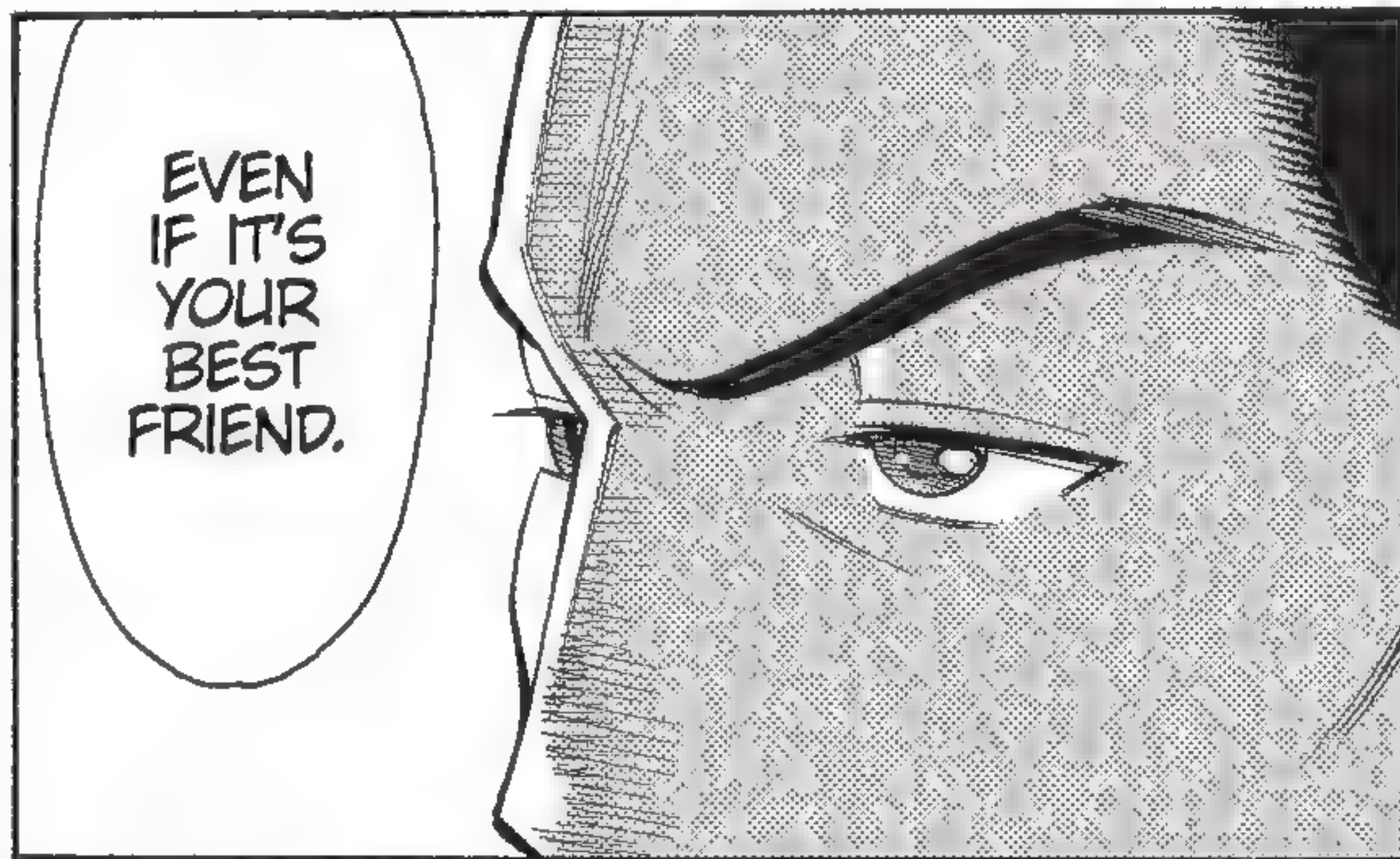
I'VE GOT TO BECOME STRONGER.

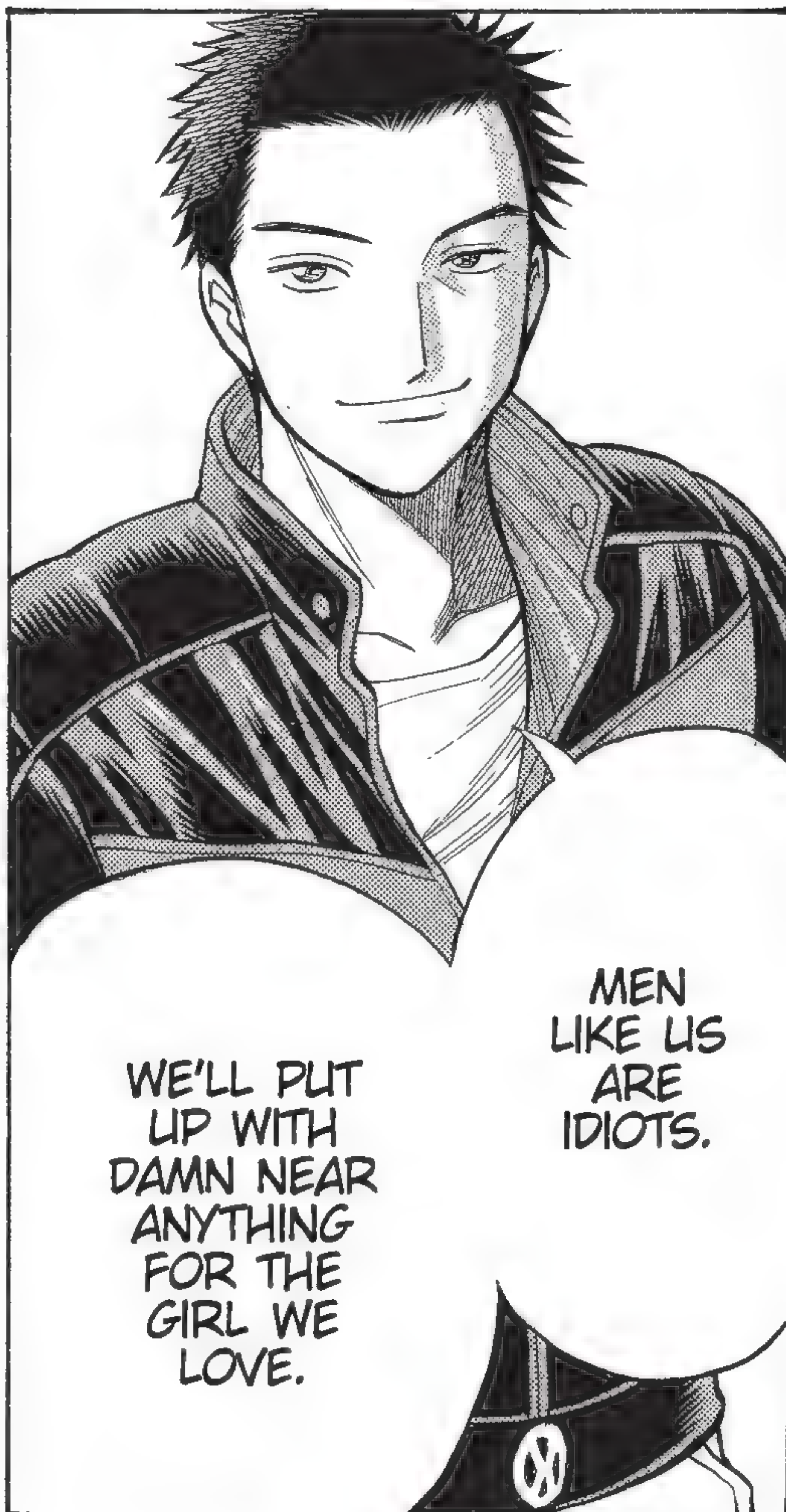
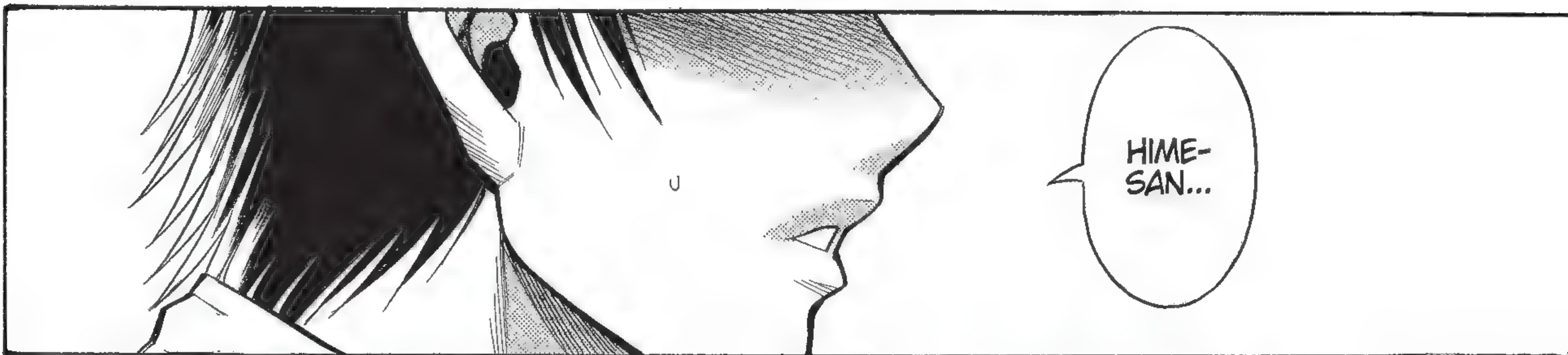


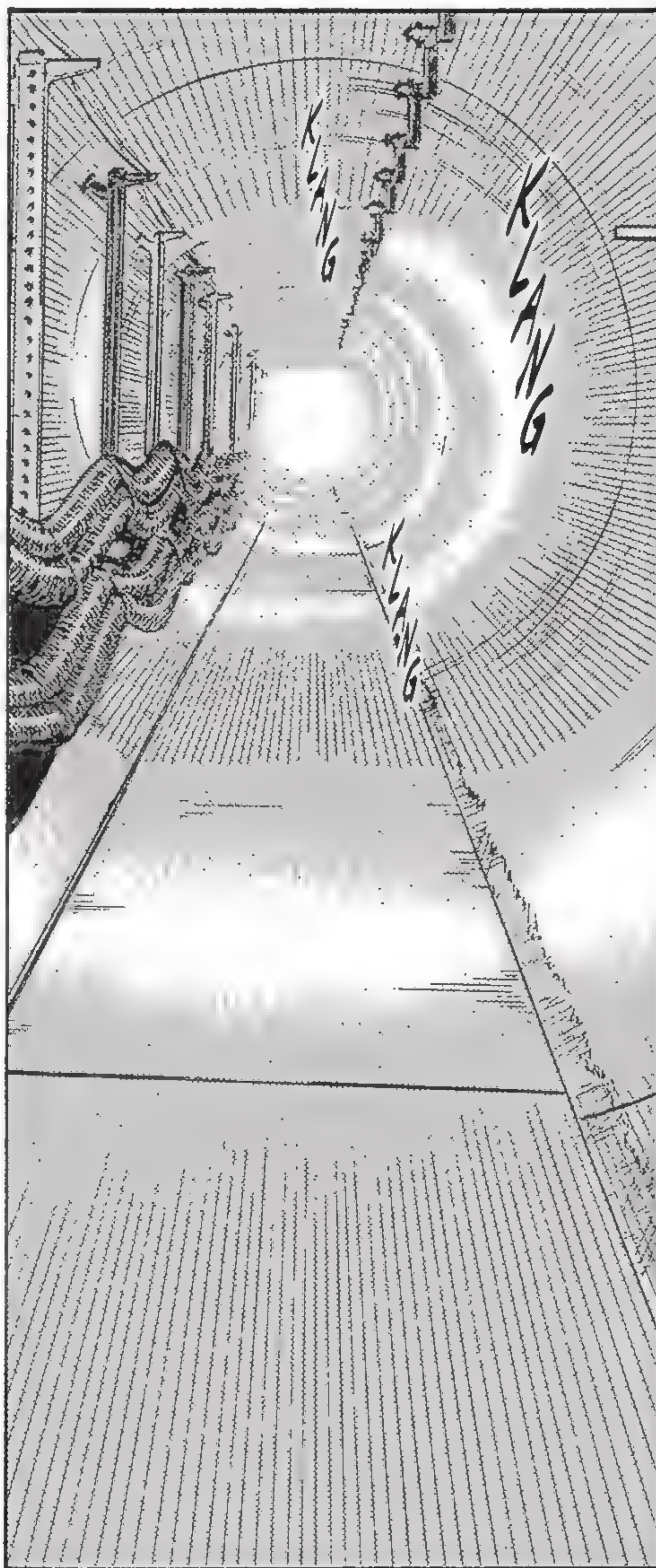
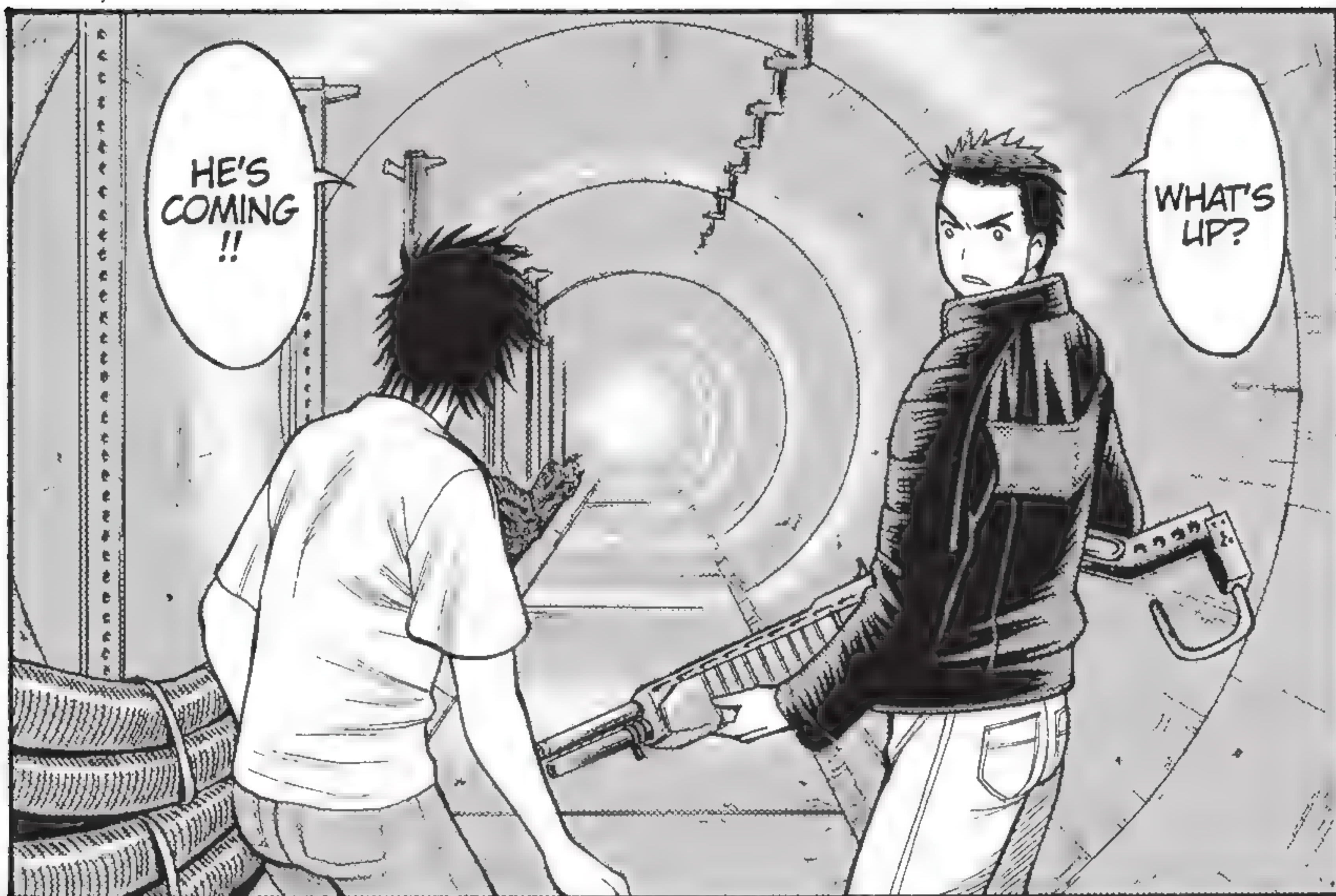
I...

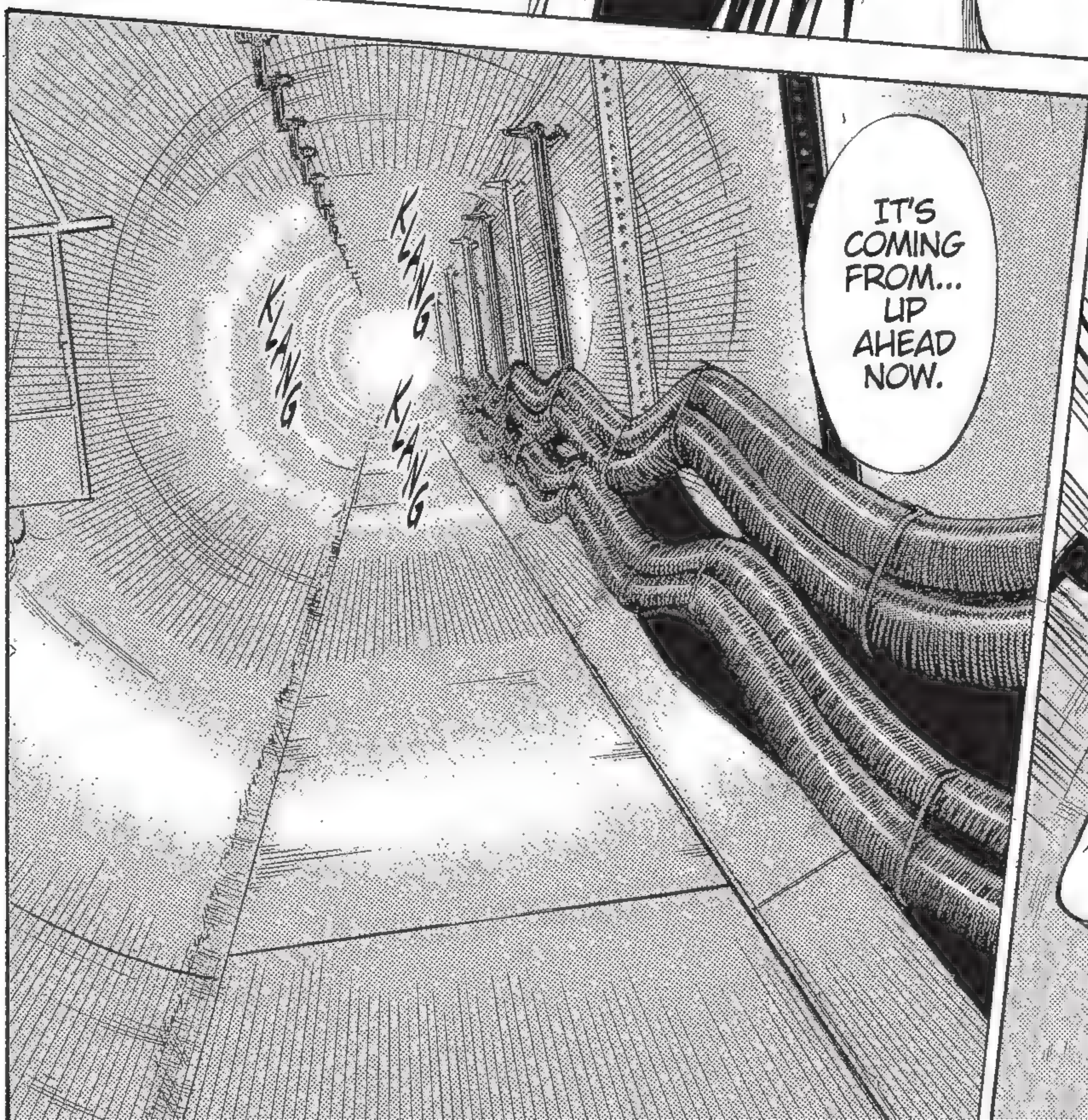
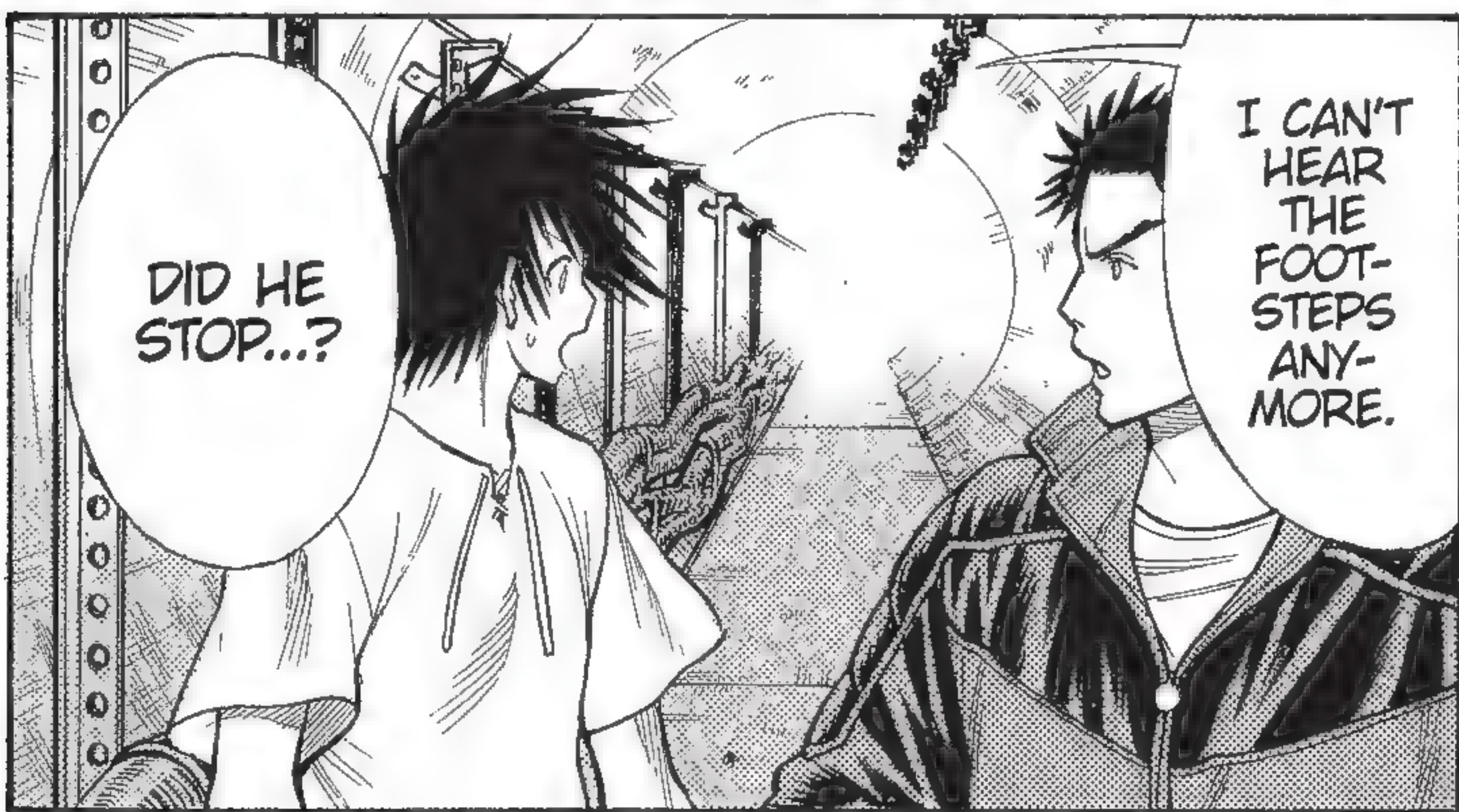
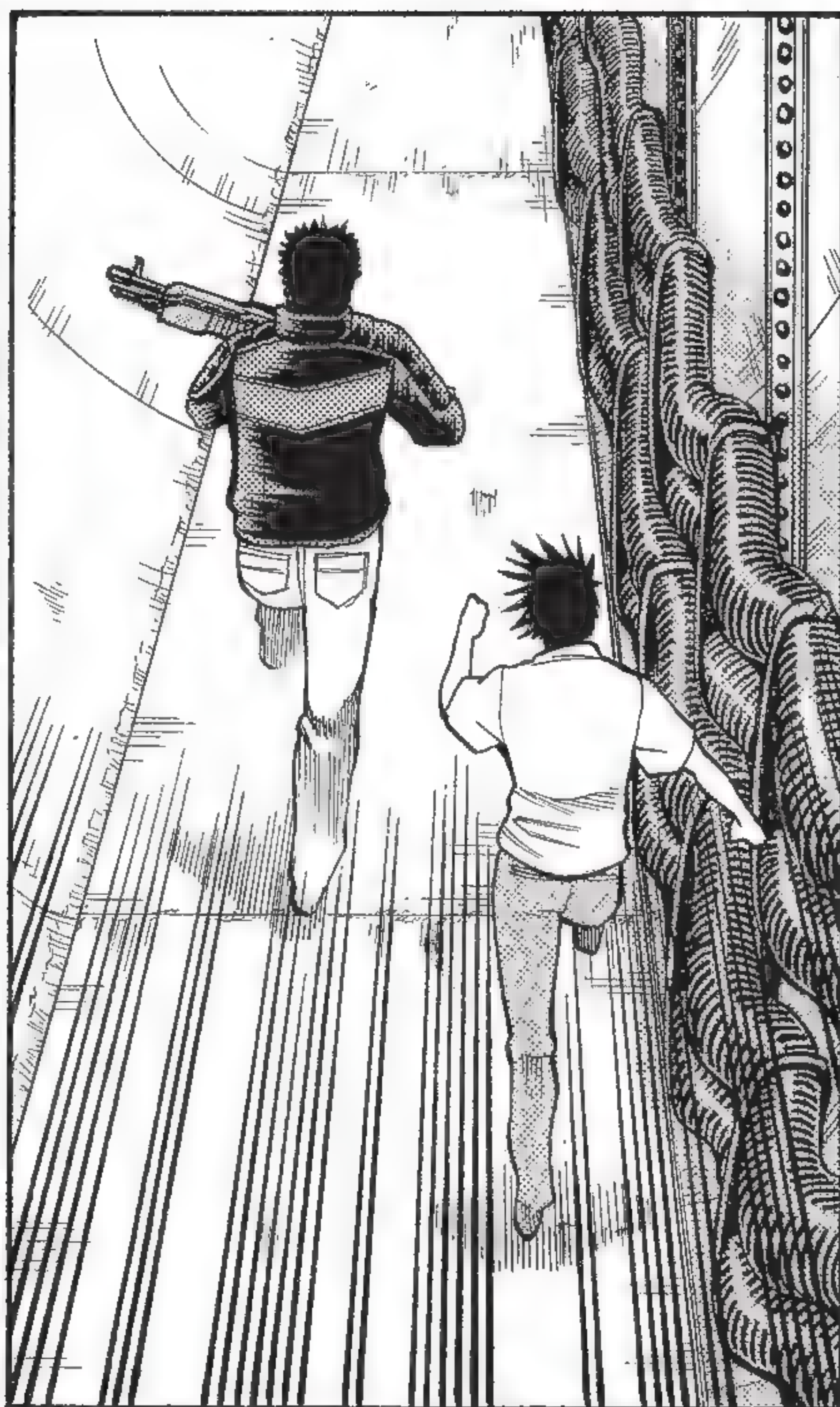
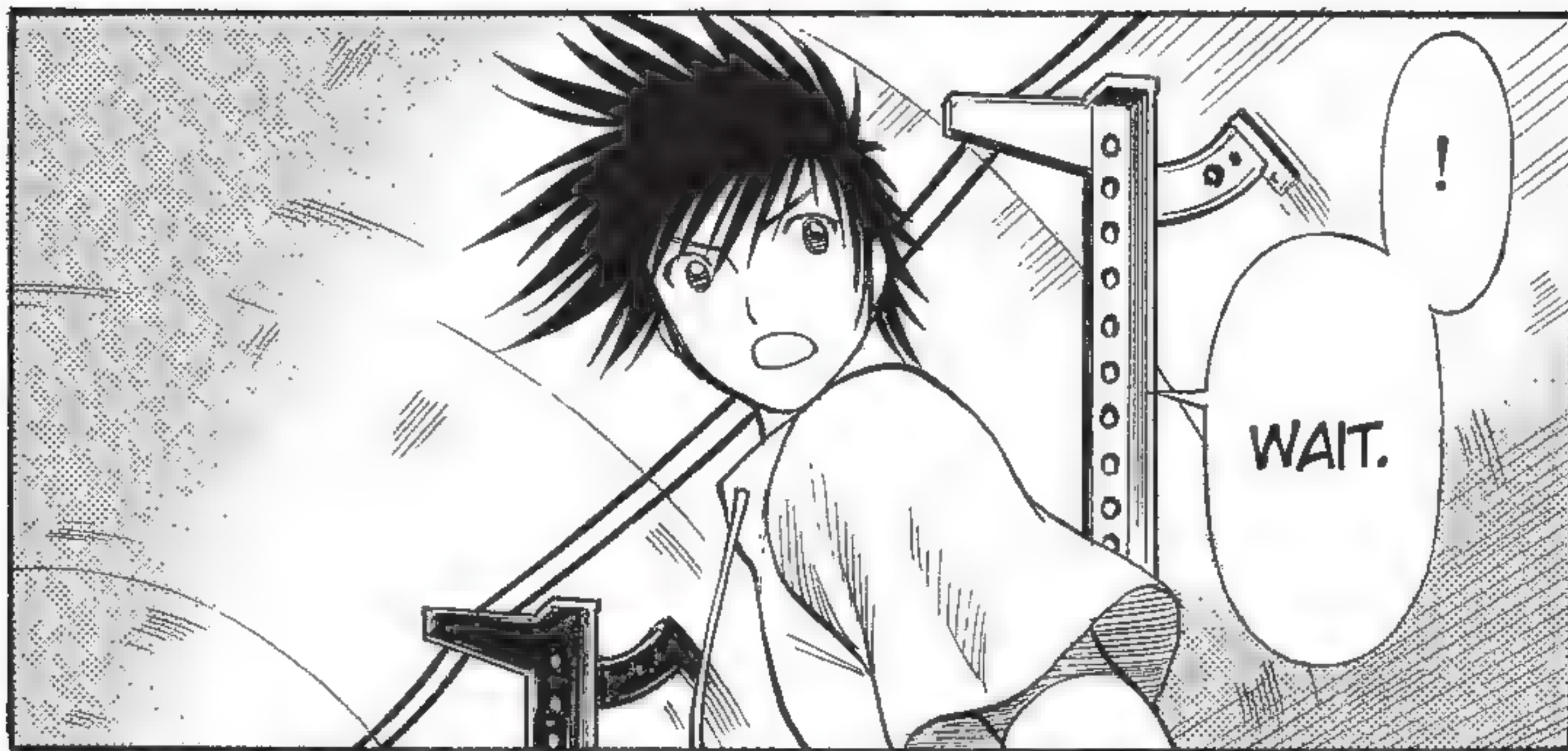
I REMEMBER IT ALL... AND IT TERRIFIES ME.

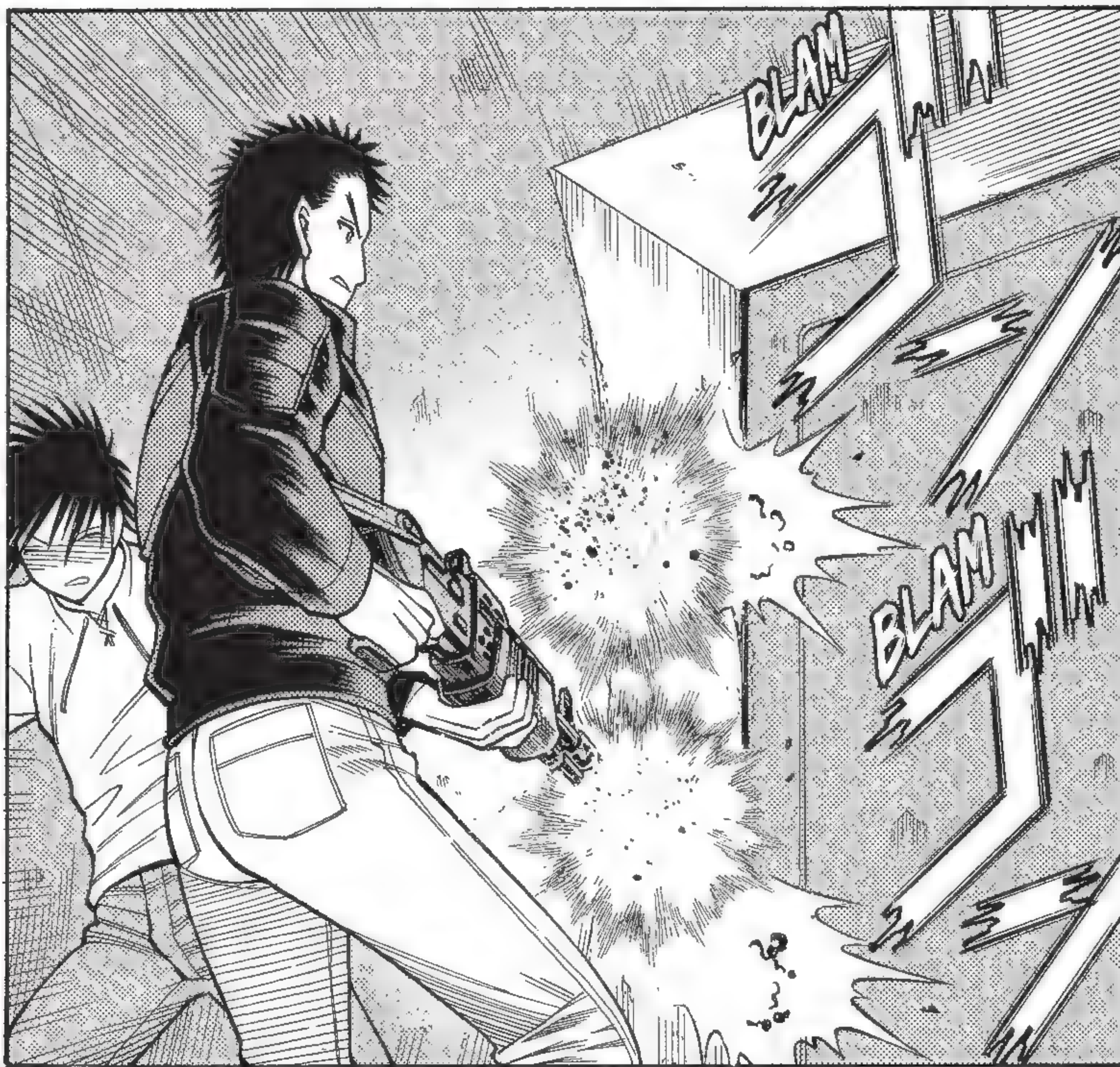
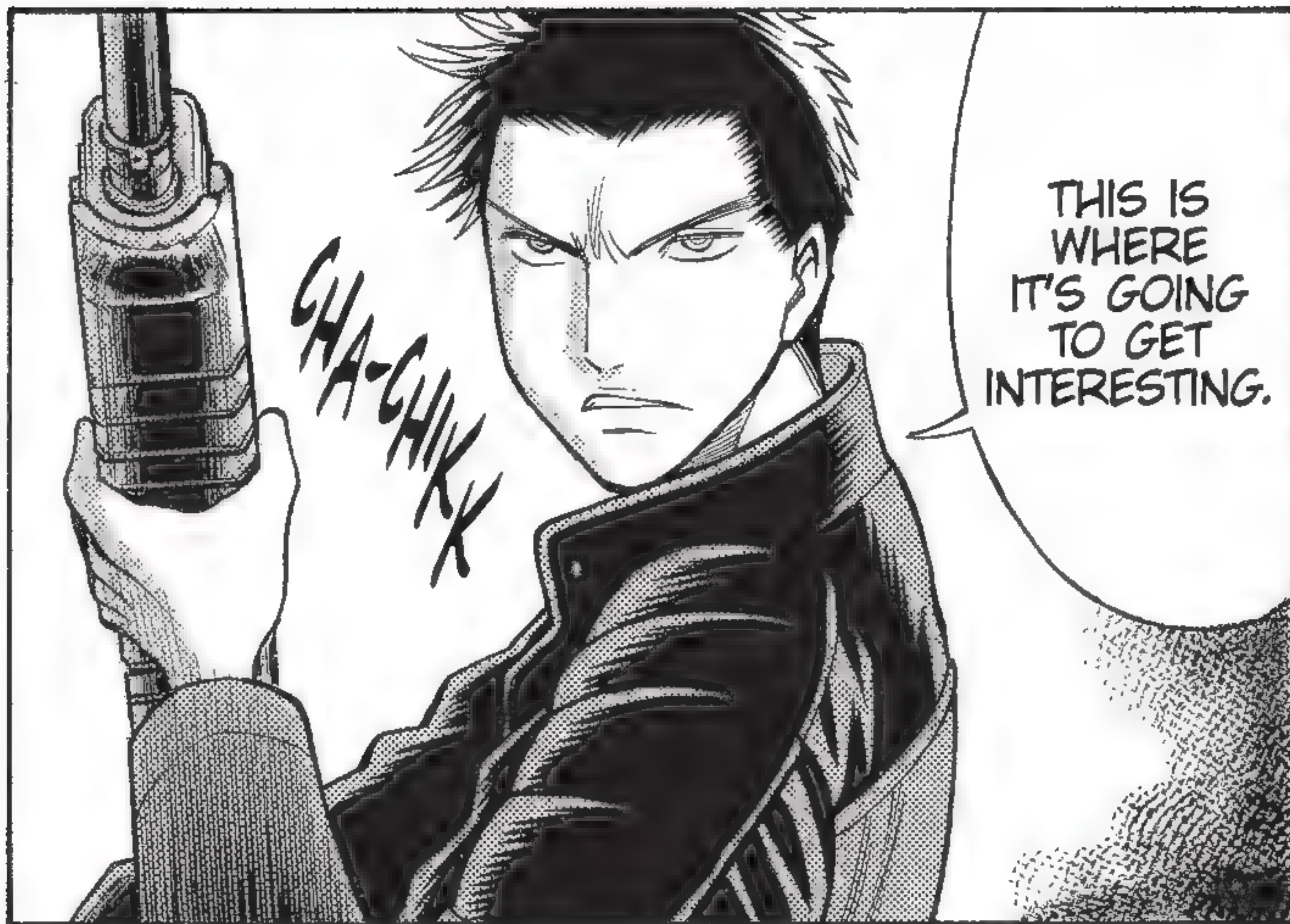














WELL,
AS MUCH
AS I CAN
WITHOUT
DYING,
THAT IS.

I'M JUST
BUYING
YOU
SOME
TIME,
IS ALL.



YOU'RE
STILL
NOT
BACK
TO A
HUNDRED
PERCENT,
KID.

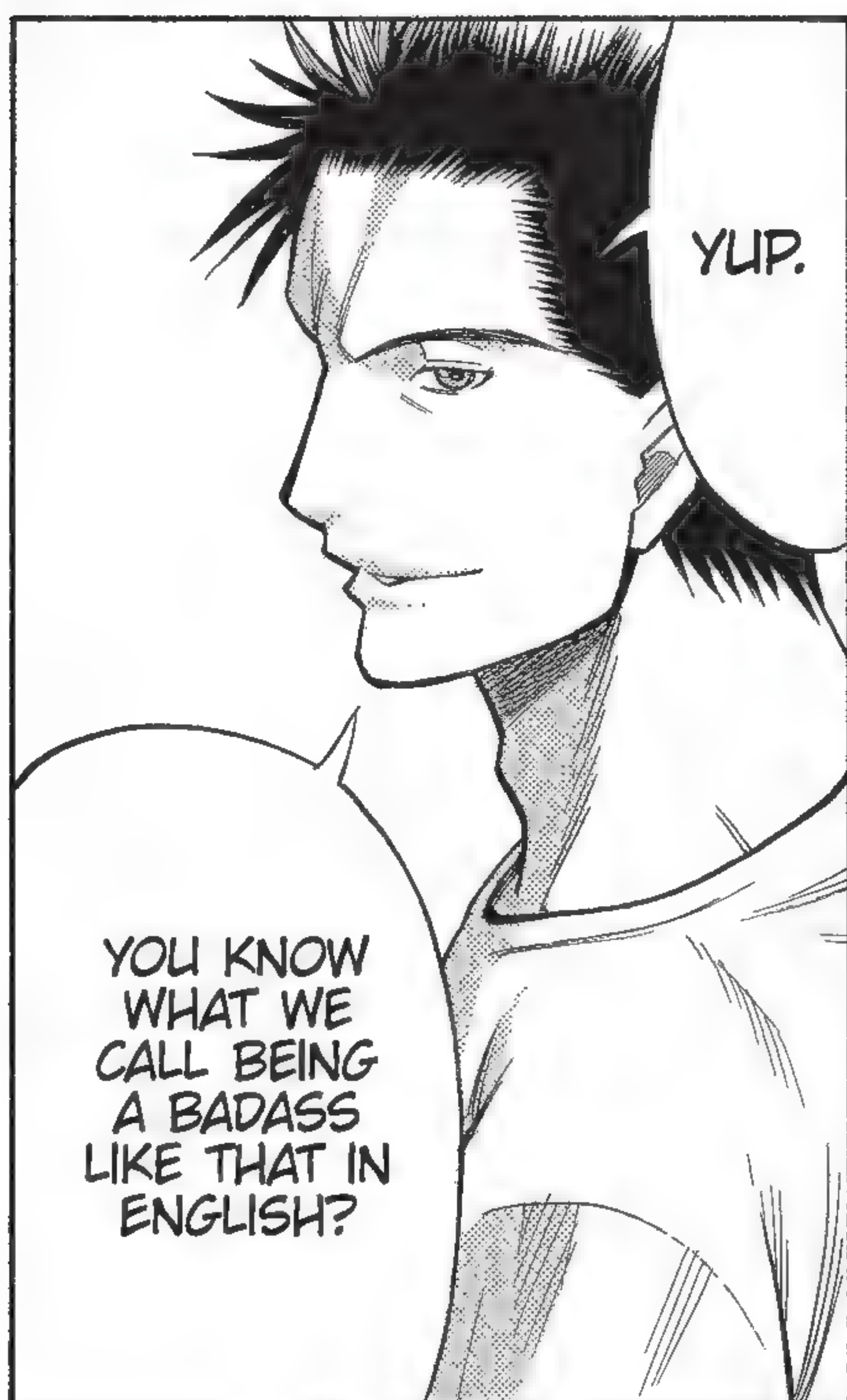
SHF

WITHOUT
BEING
ABLE TO
TRANS-
FORM,
YOU'RE
GONNA
HAVE A
HELLVA
HARD TIME
WINNING.

YOU JUST
NEED TO
RUN FOR
NOW AND
WAIT IT
OUT UNTIL
YOU'RE FULLY
RECOVERED.

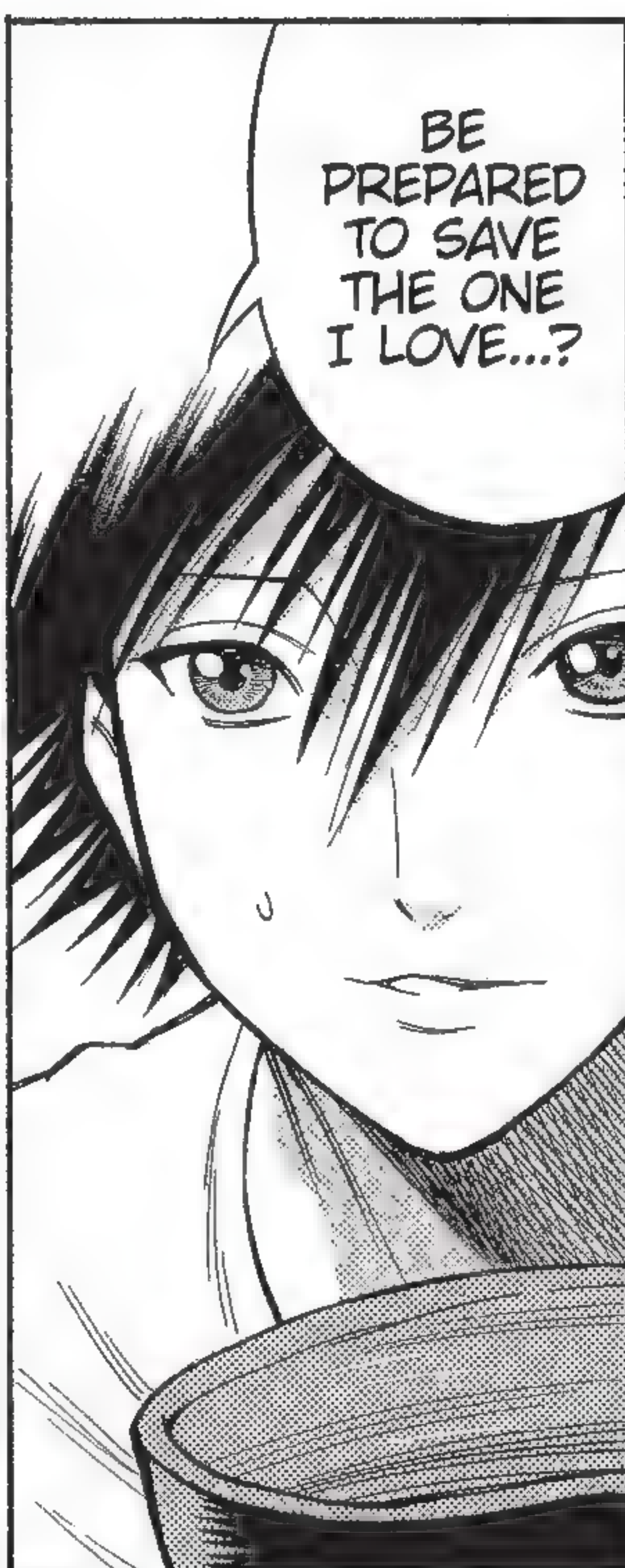


HAMA-
SEIJI-
SAN...



YUP.

YOU KNOW
WHAT WE
CALL BEING
A BADASS
LIKE THAT IN
ENGLISH?

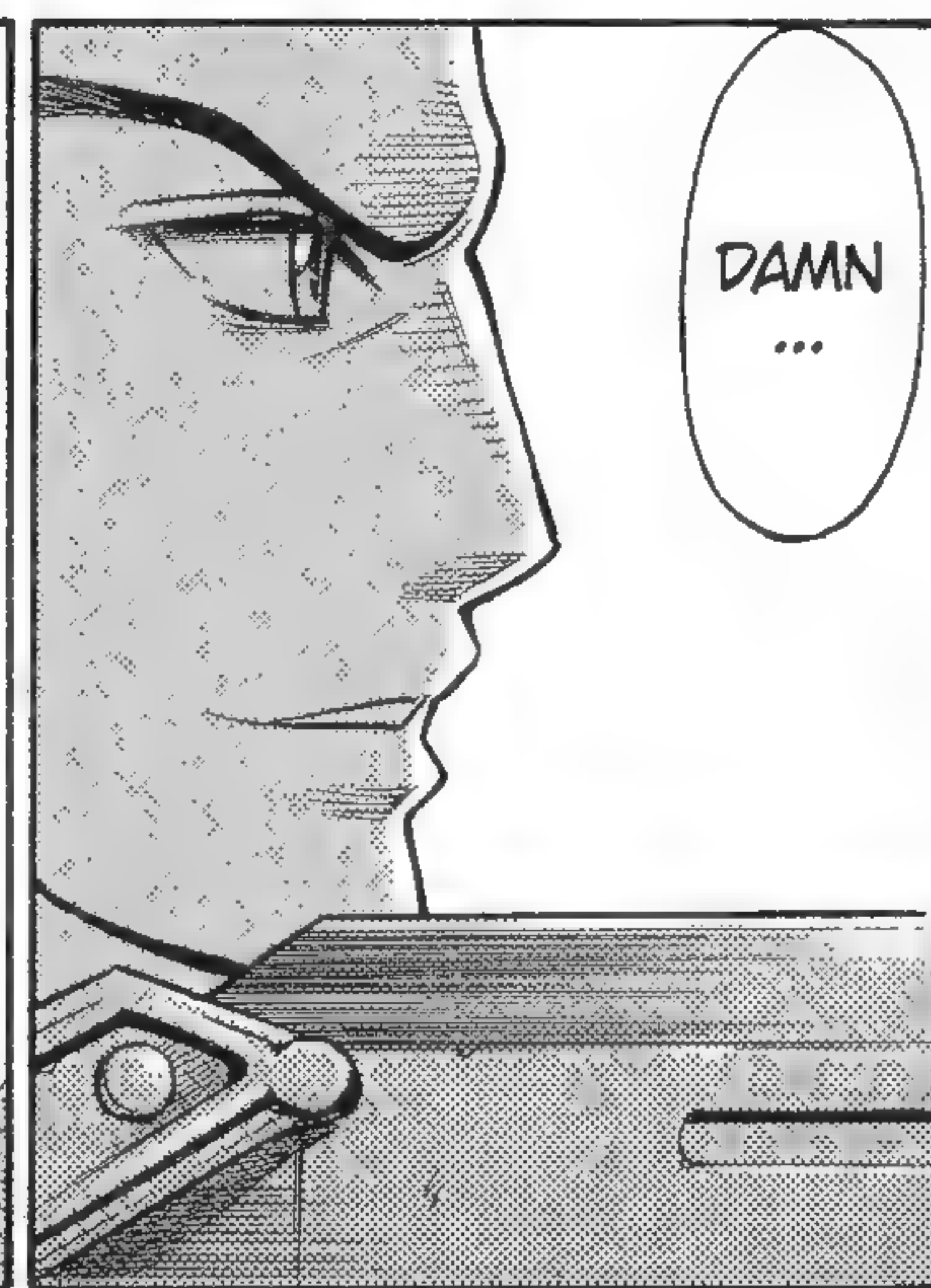
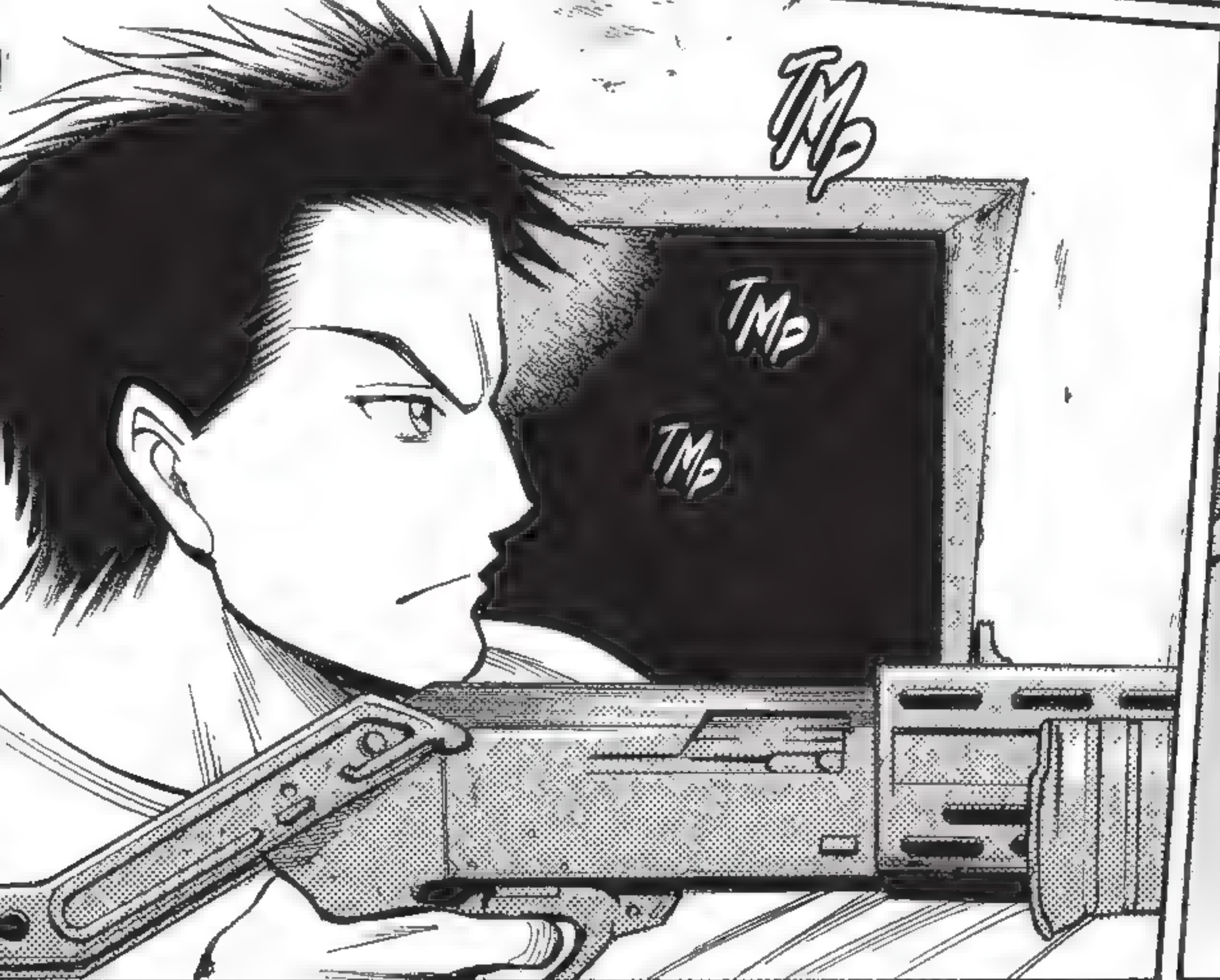


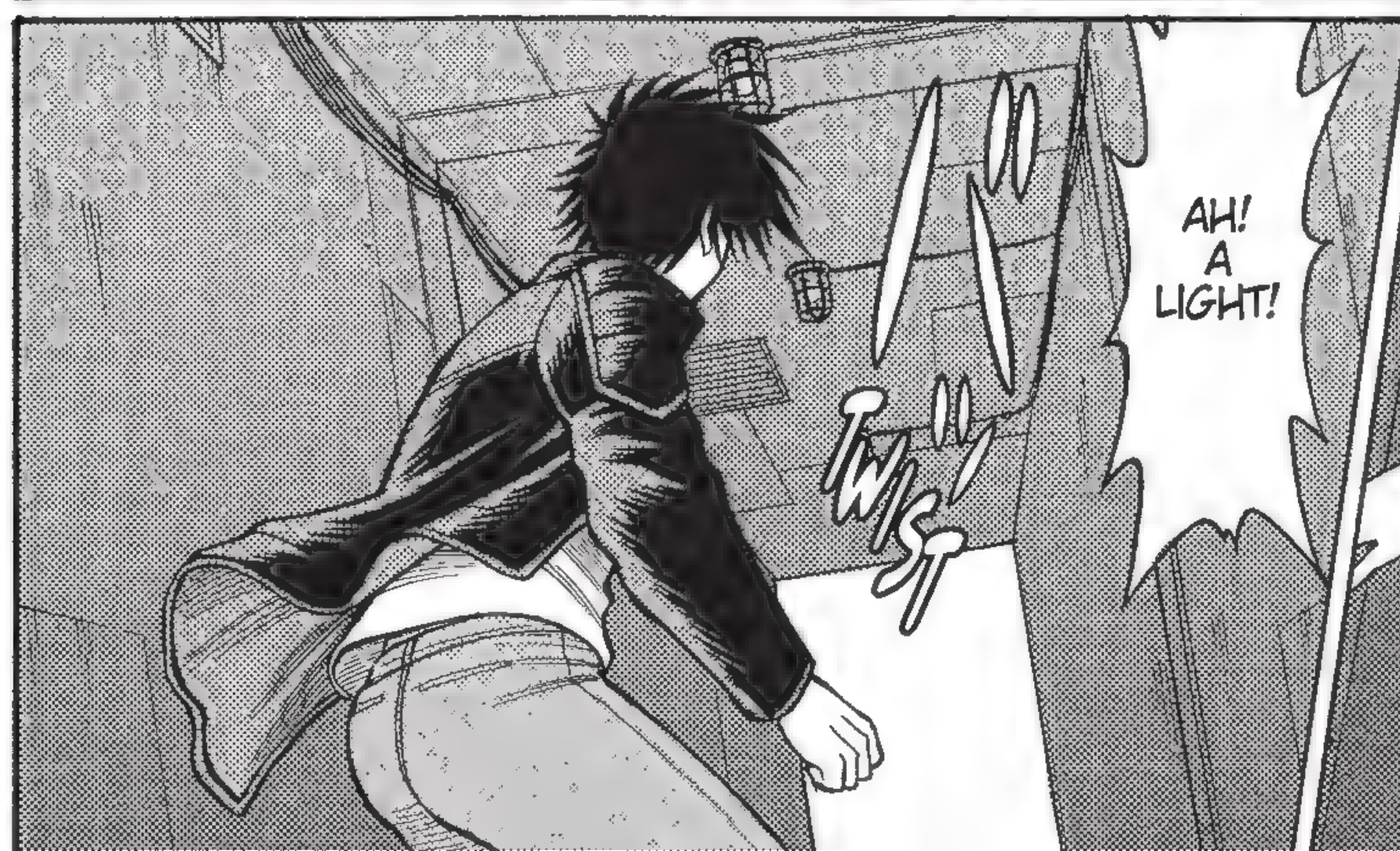
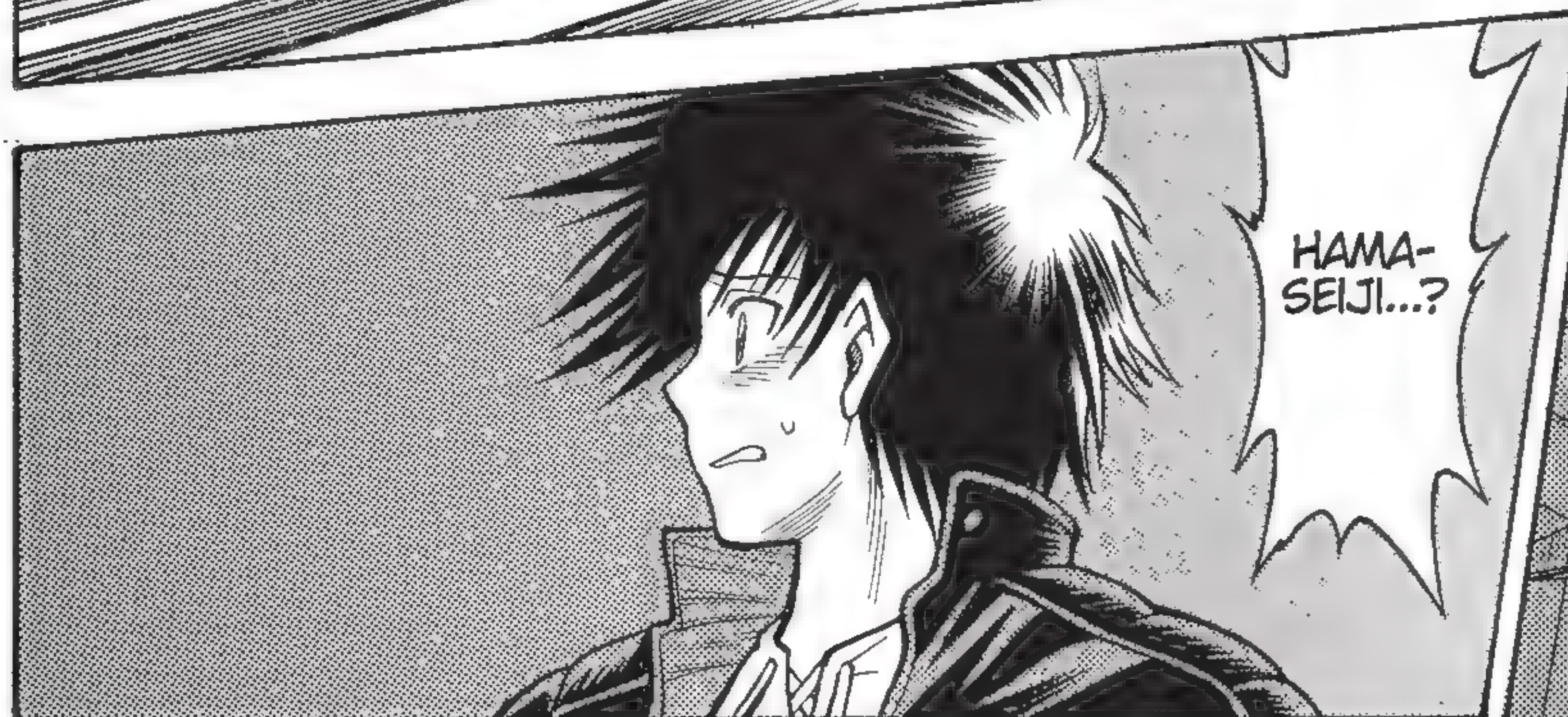
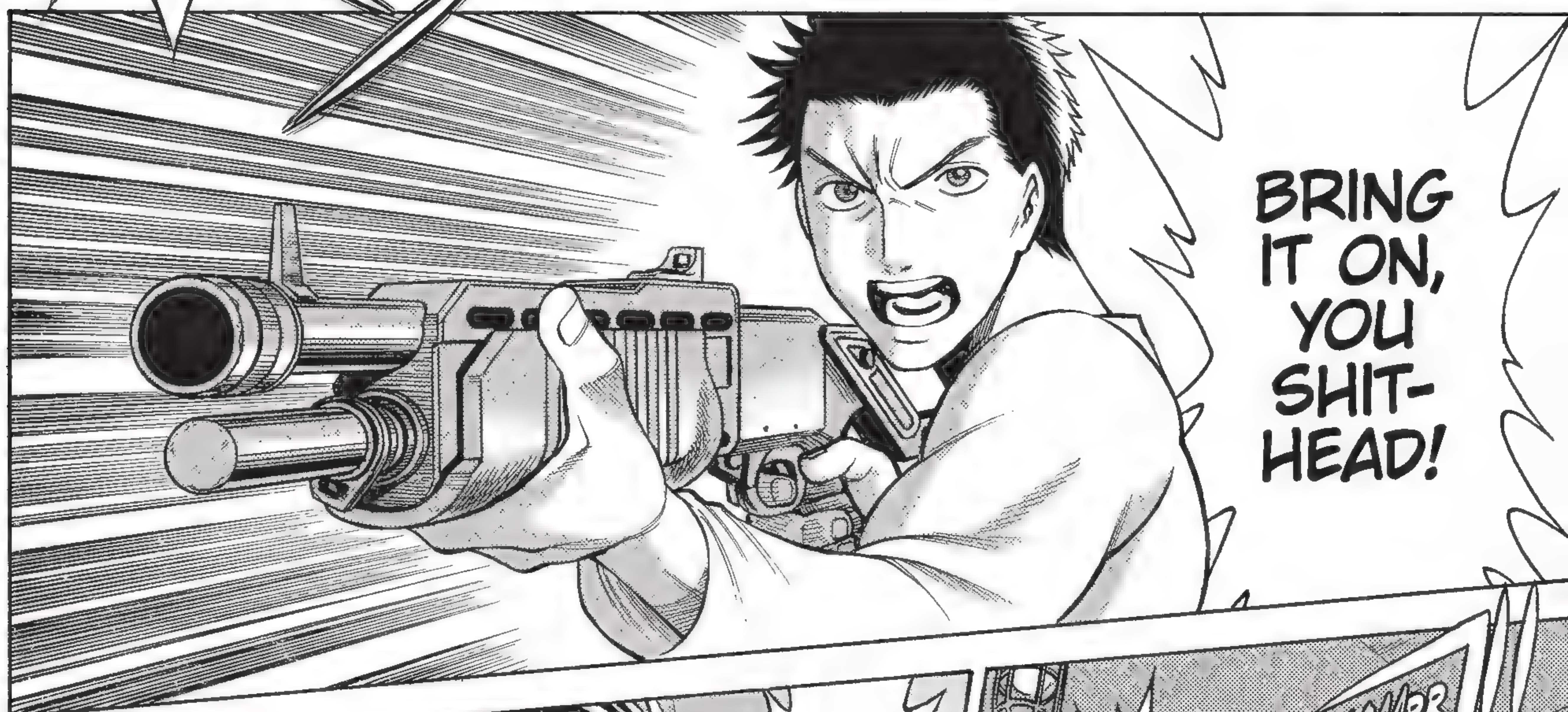
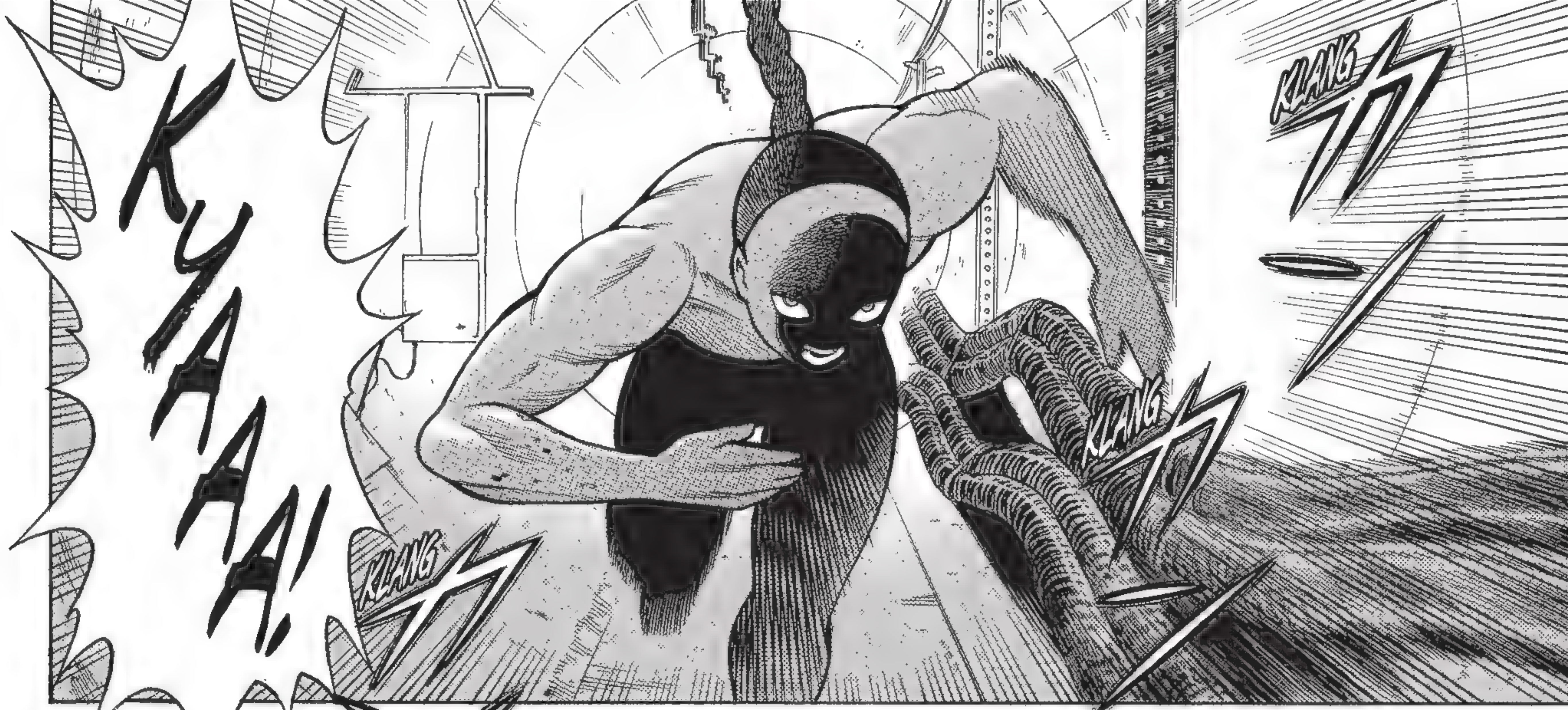
BE
PREPARED
TO SAVE
THE ONE
I LOVE...?

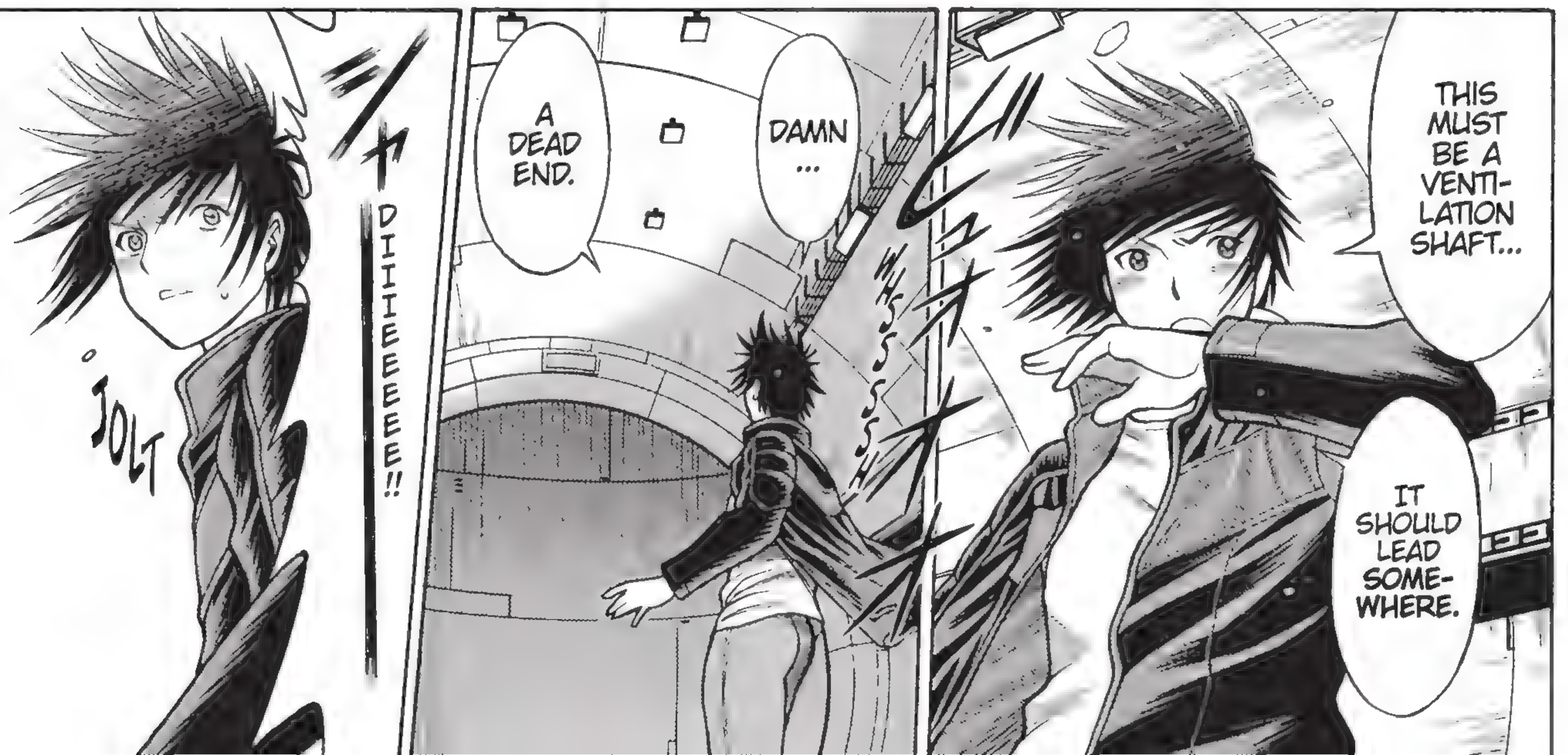
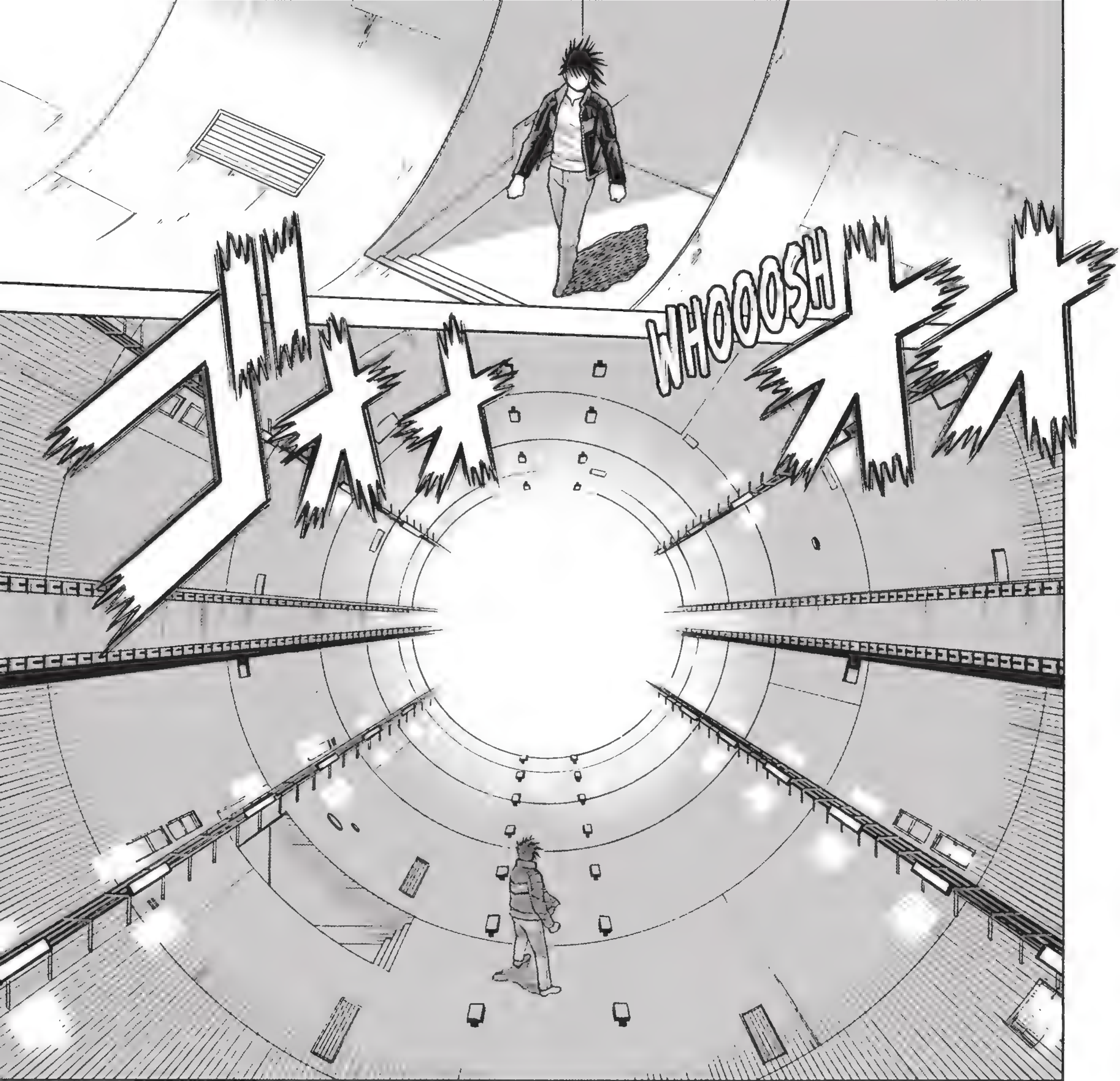


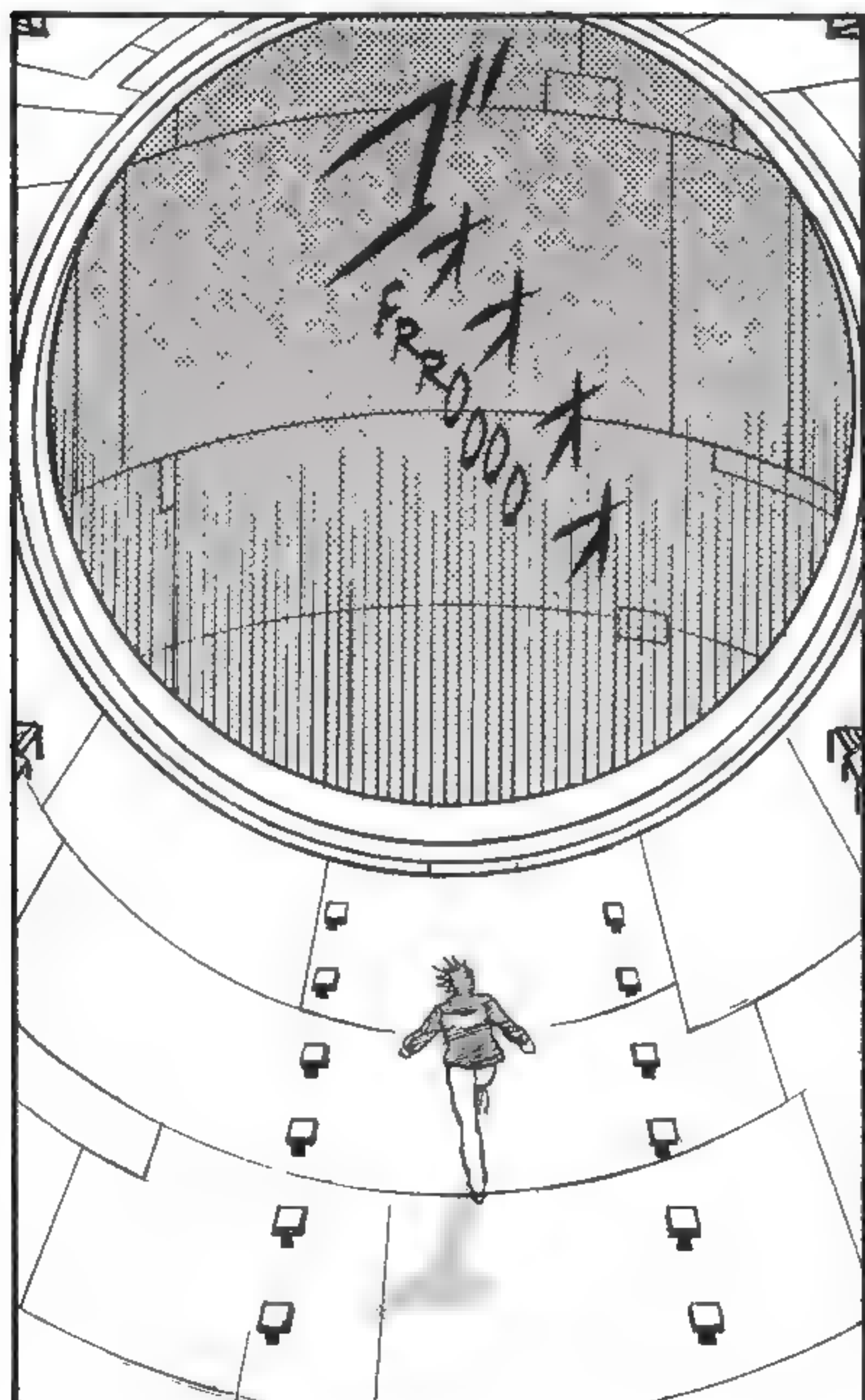
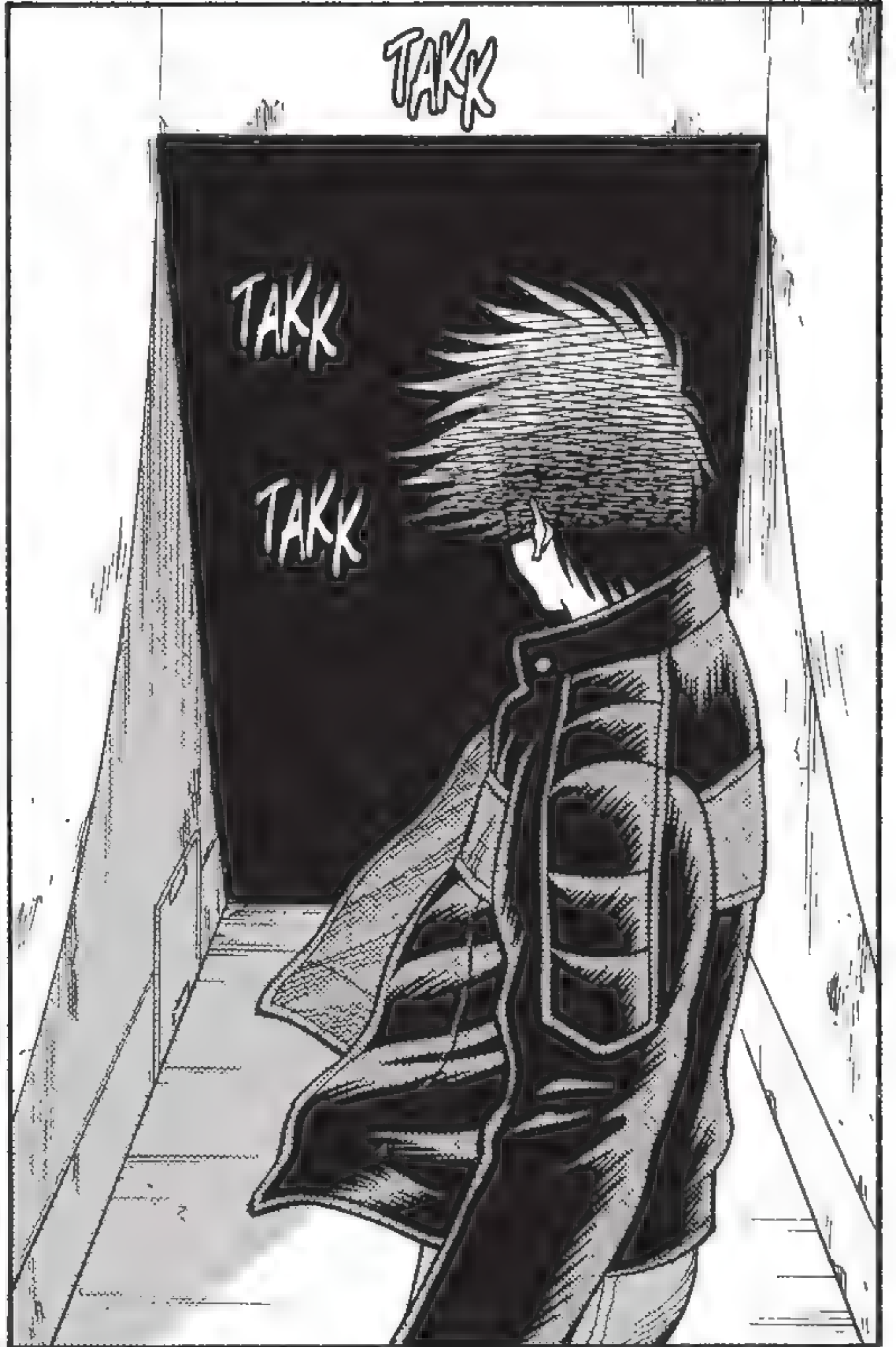
PUT
THIS
ON.

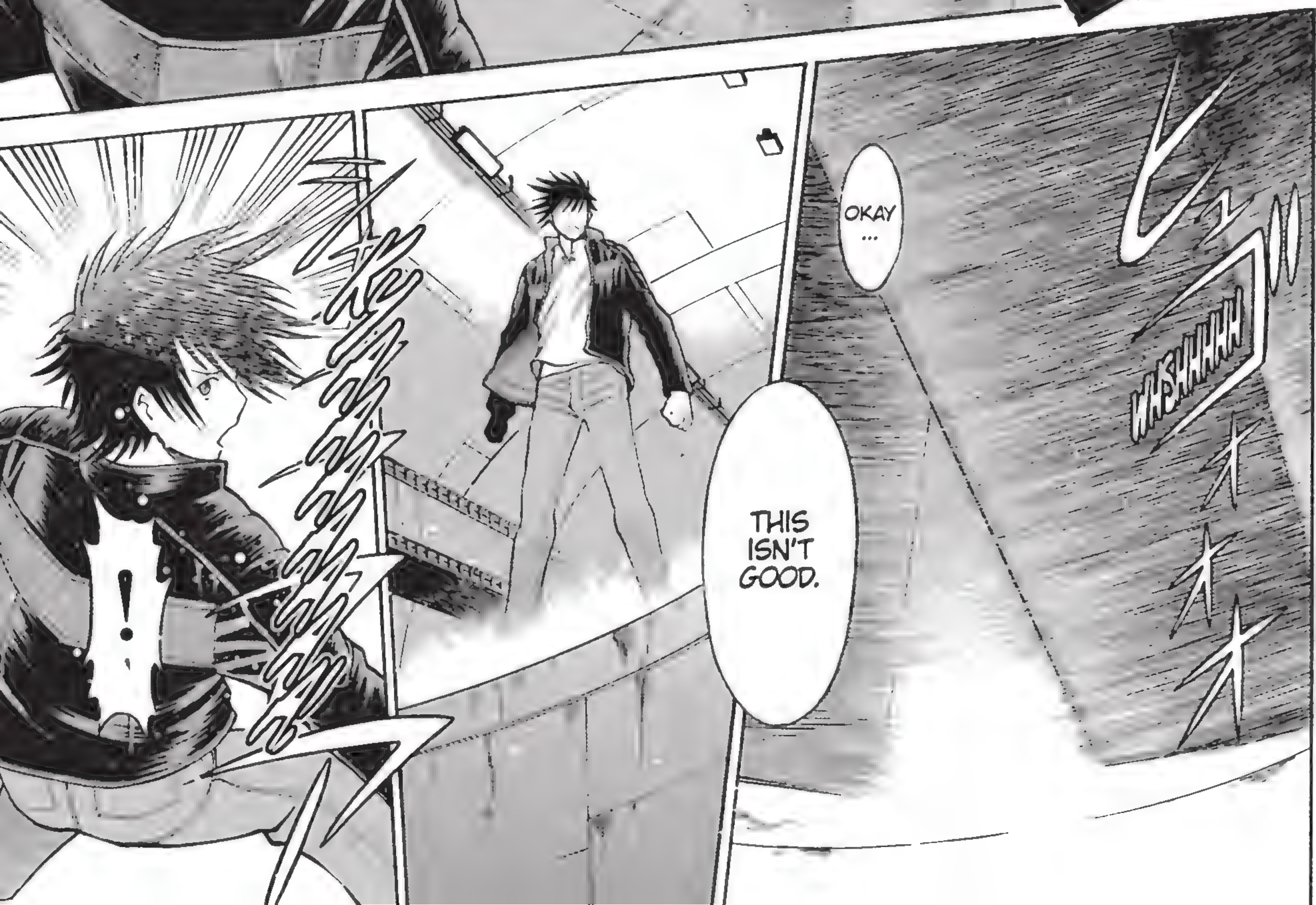
AND
DON'T
FORGET
WHAT
I SAID.



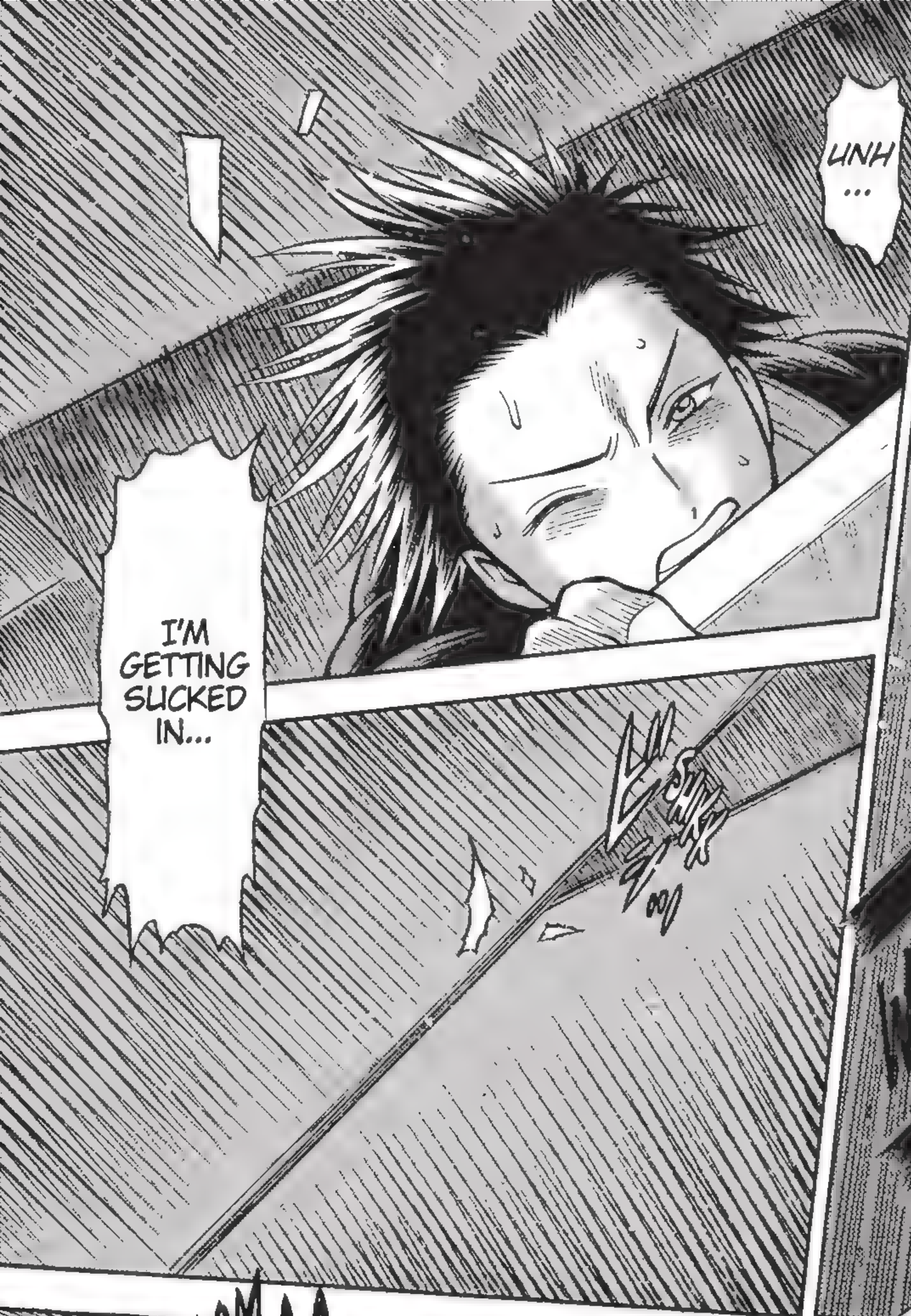




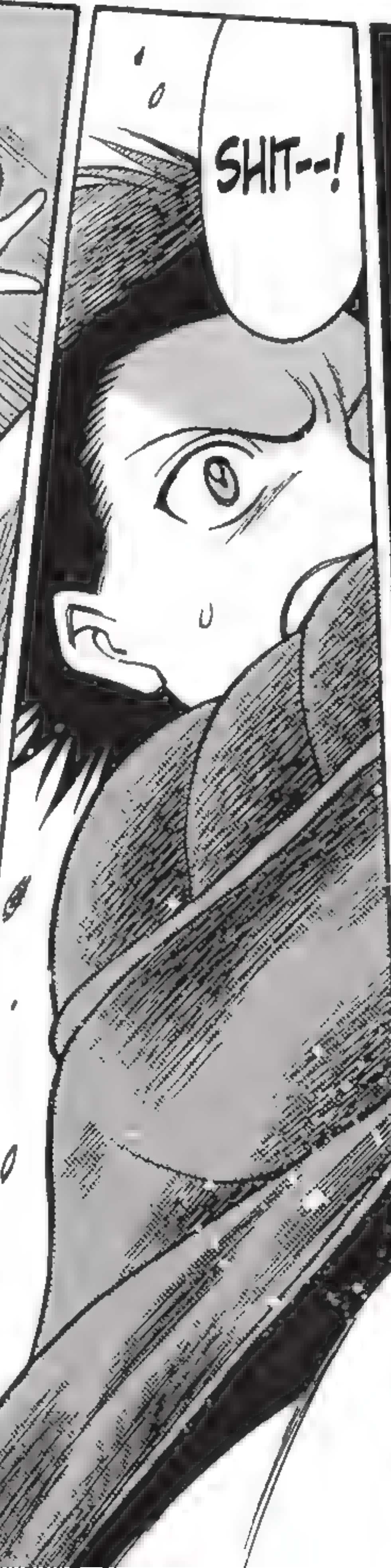
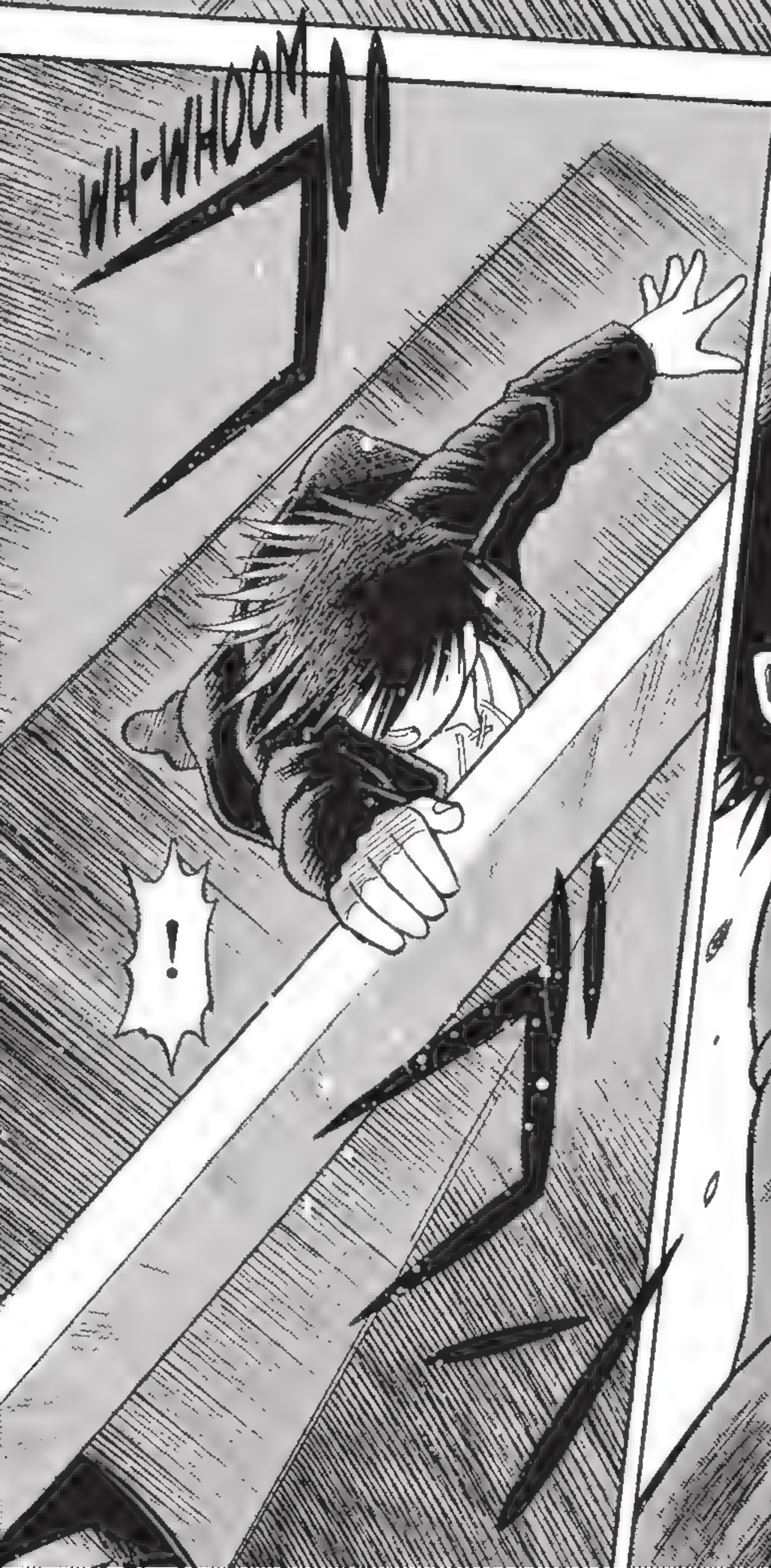
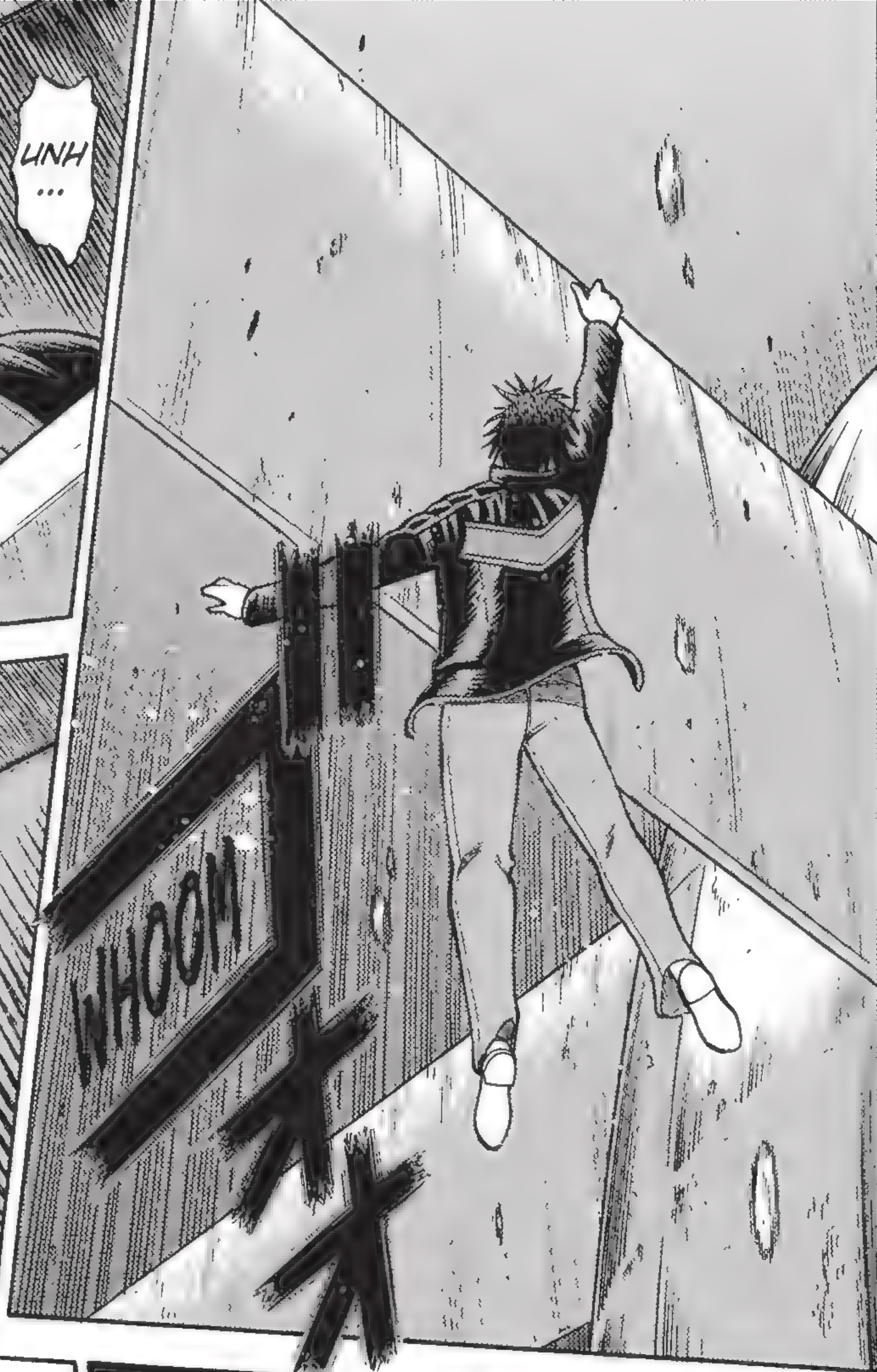




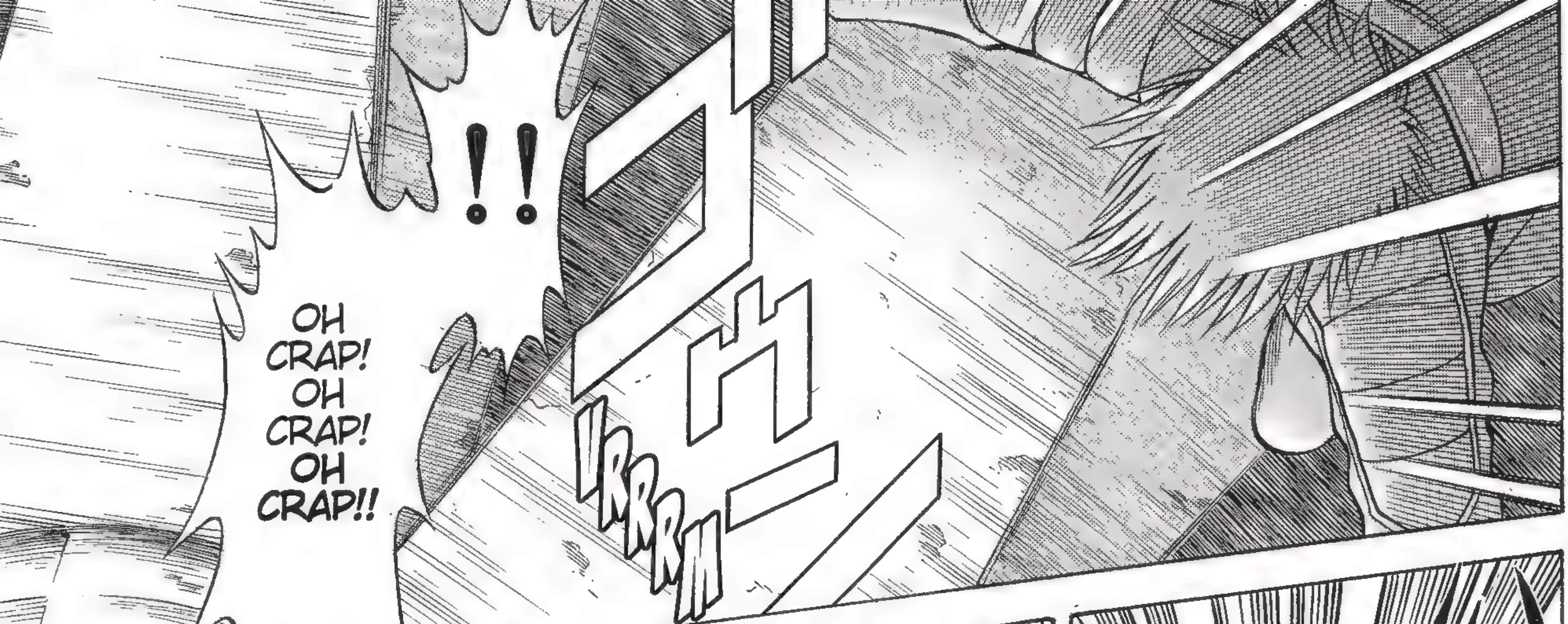




I'M
GETTING
SLUCKED
IN...







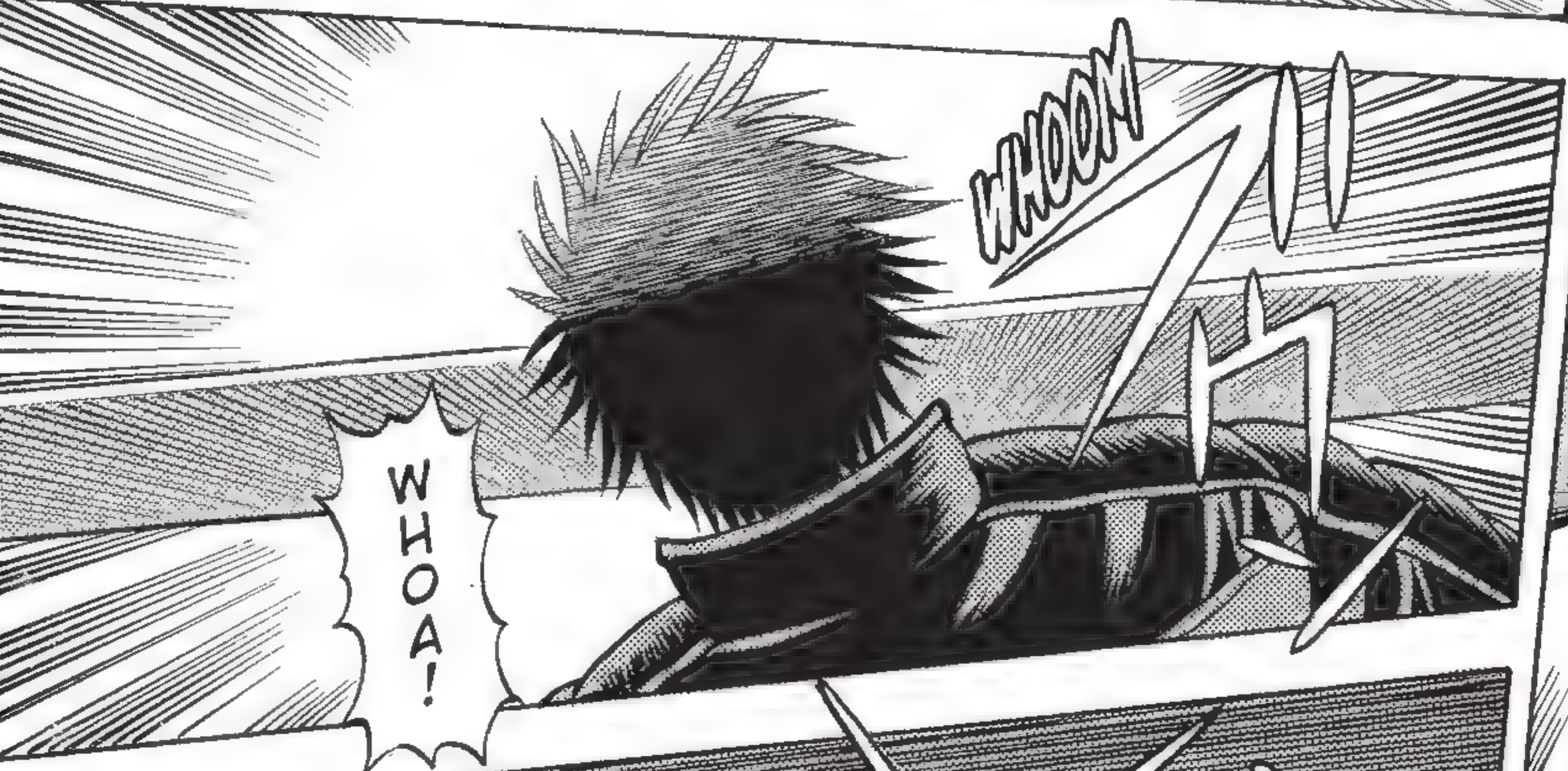
OH CRAP!
OH CRAP!
OH CRAP!!

RRRM

WHUMP

ズ

OO F!



WHOOOM

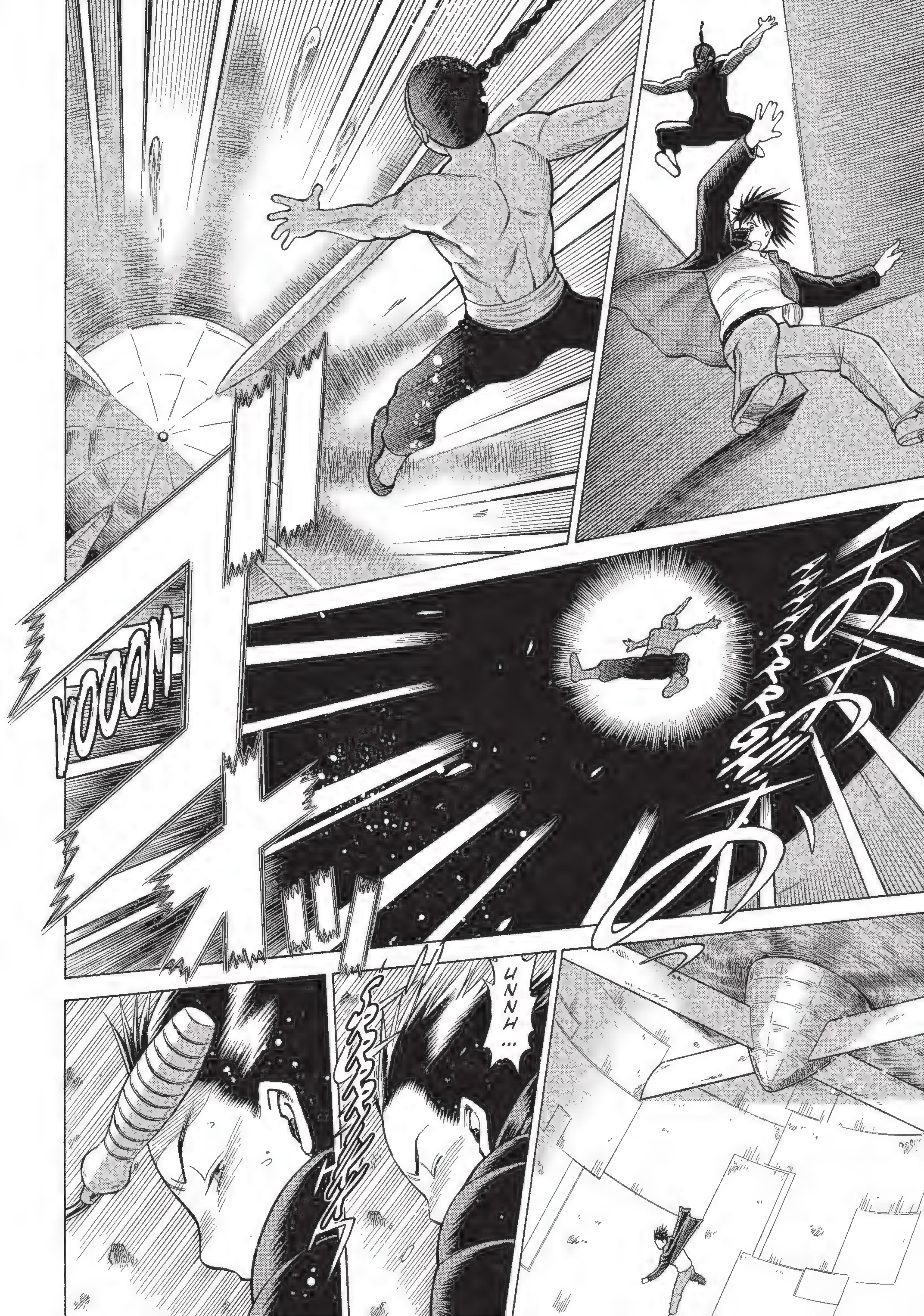
WHOA!

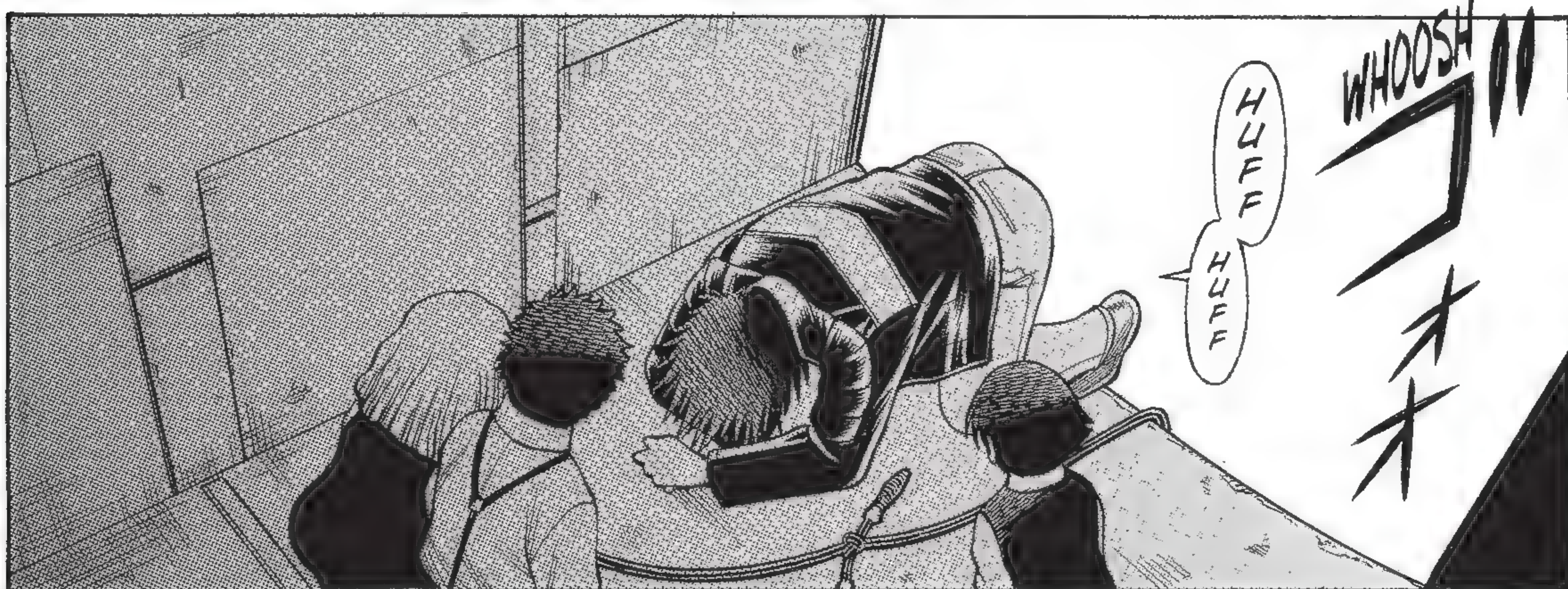
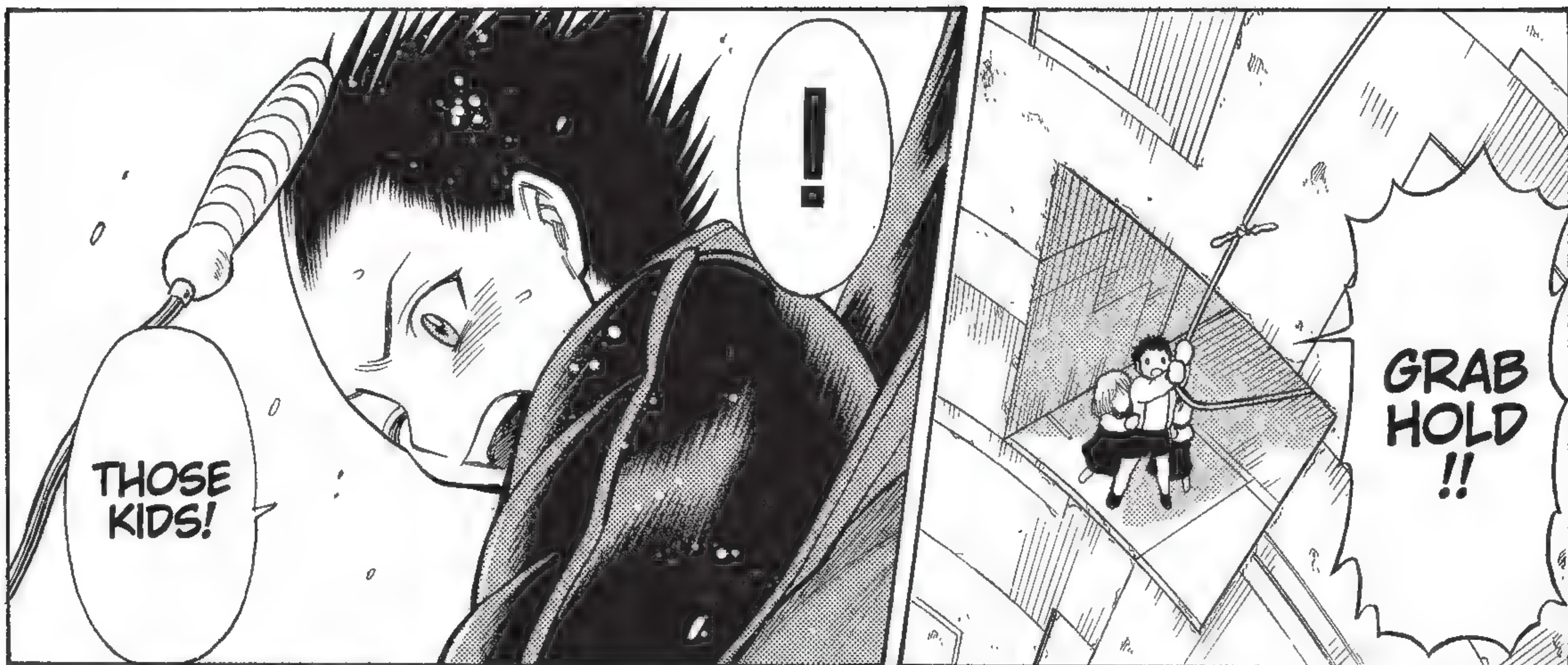
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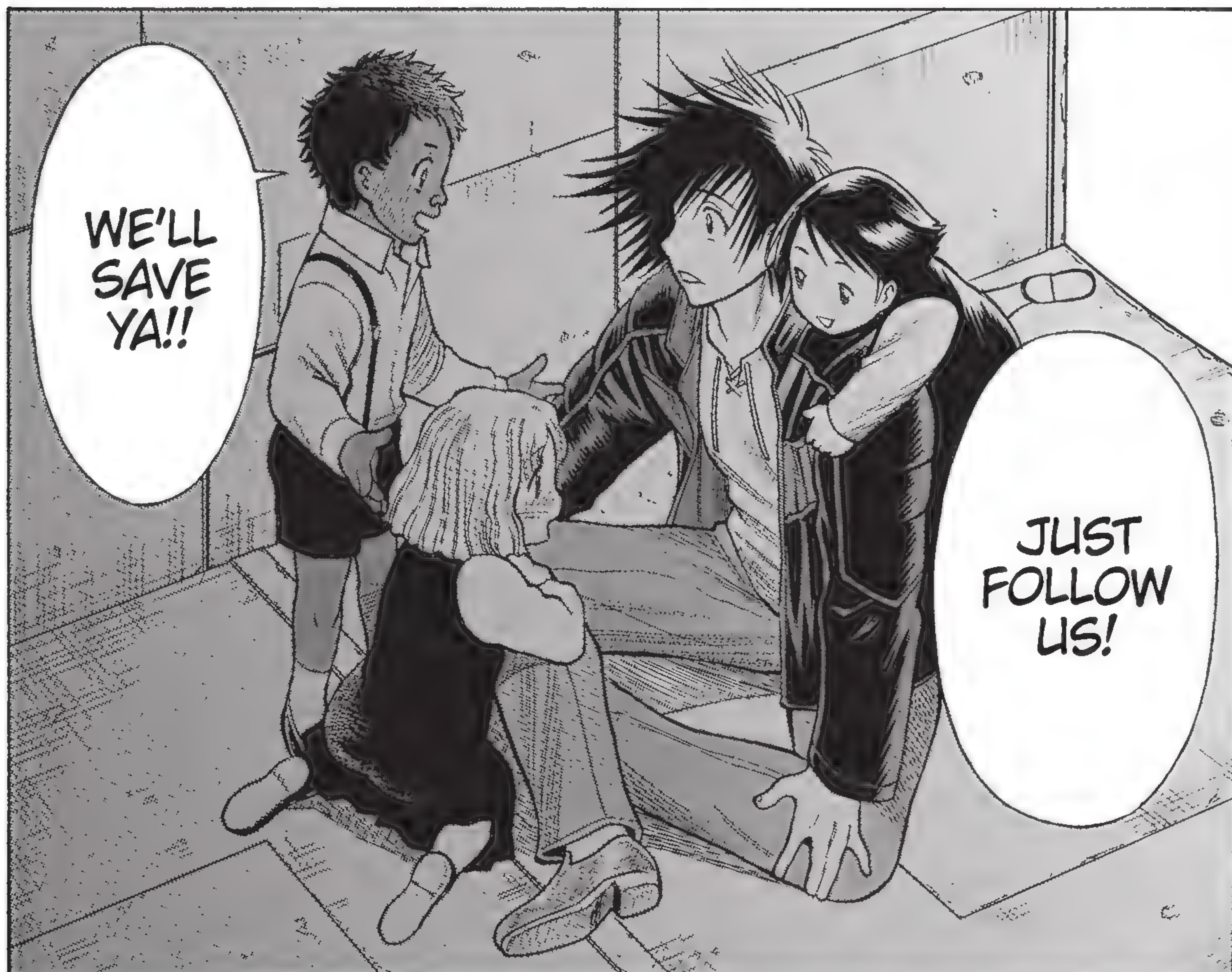
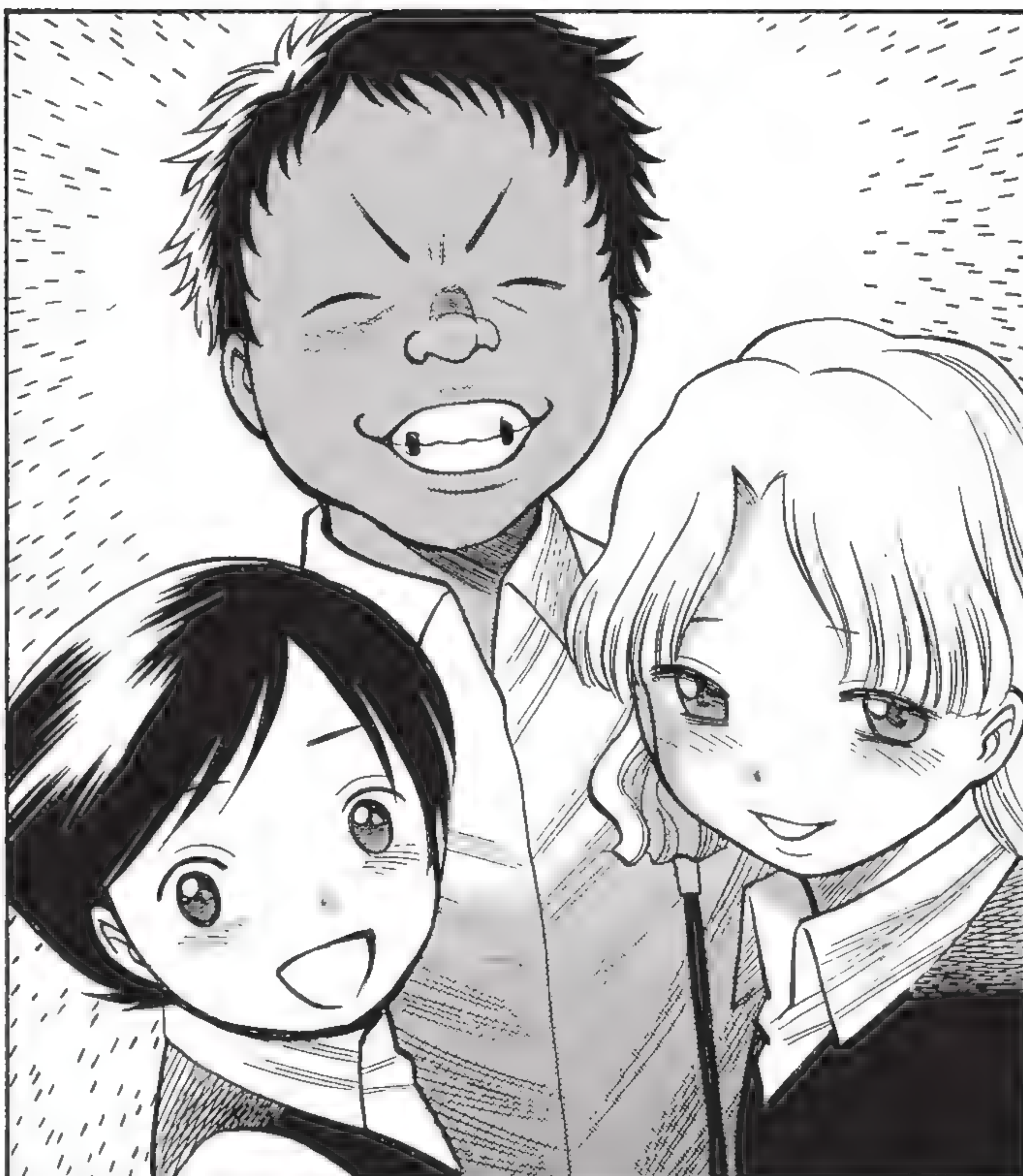


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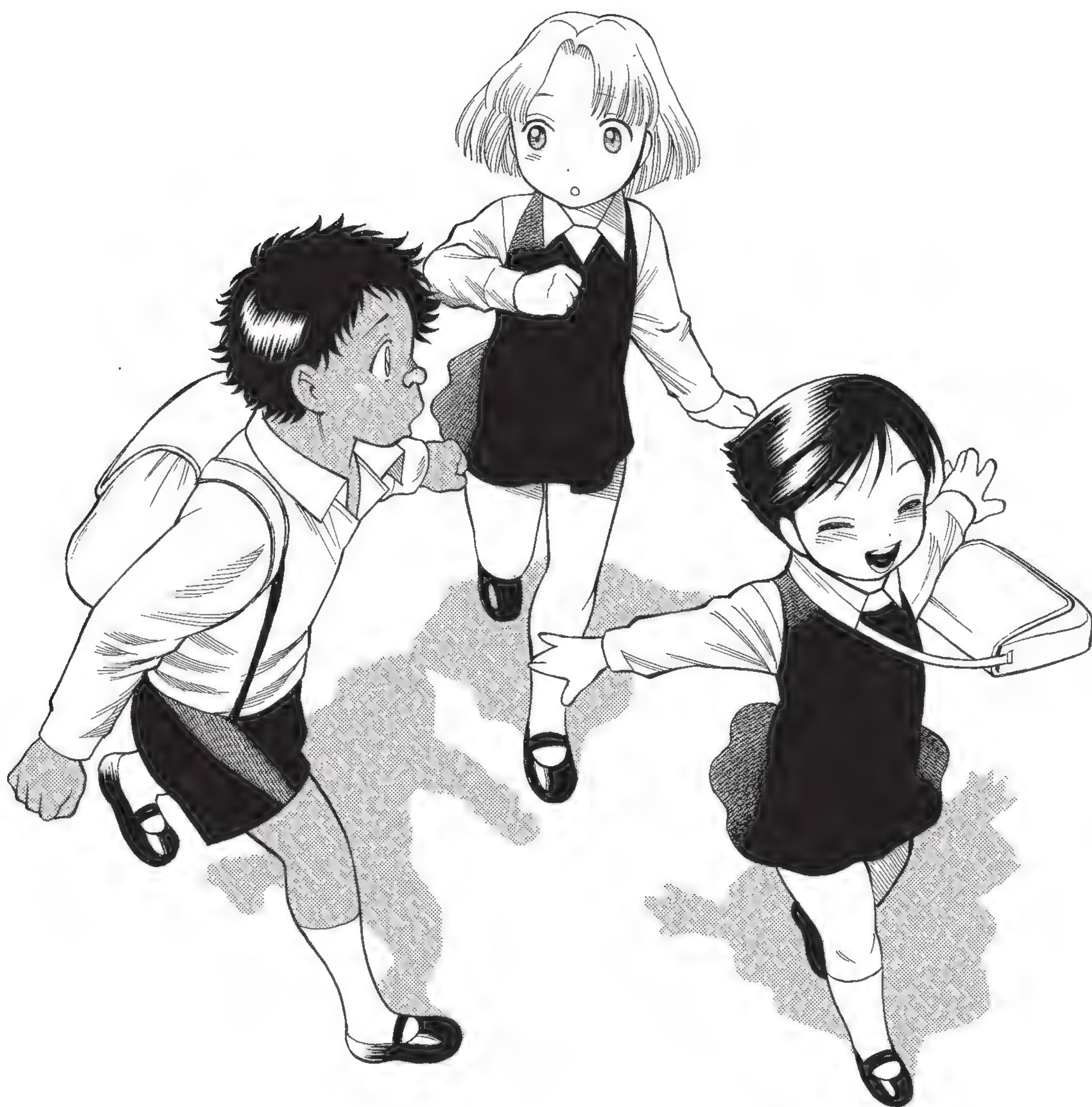








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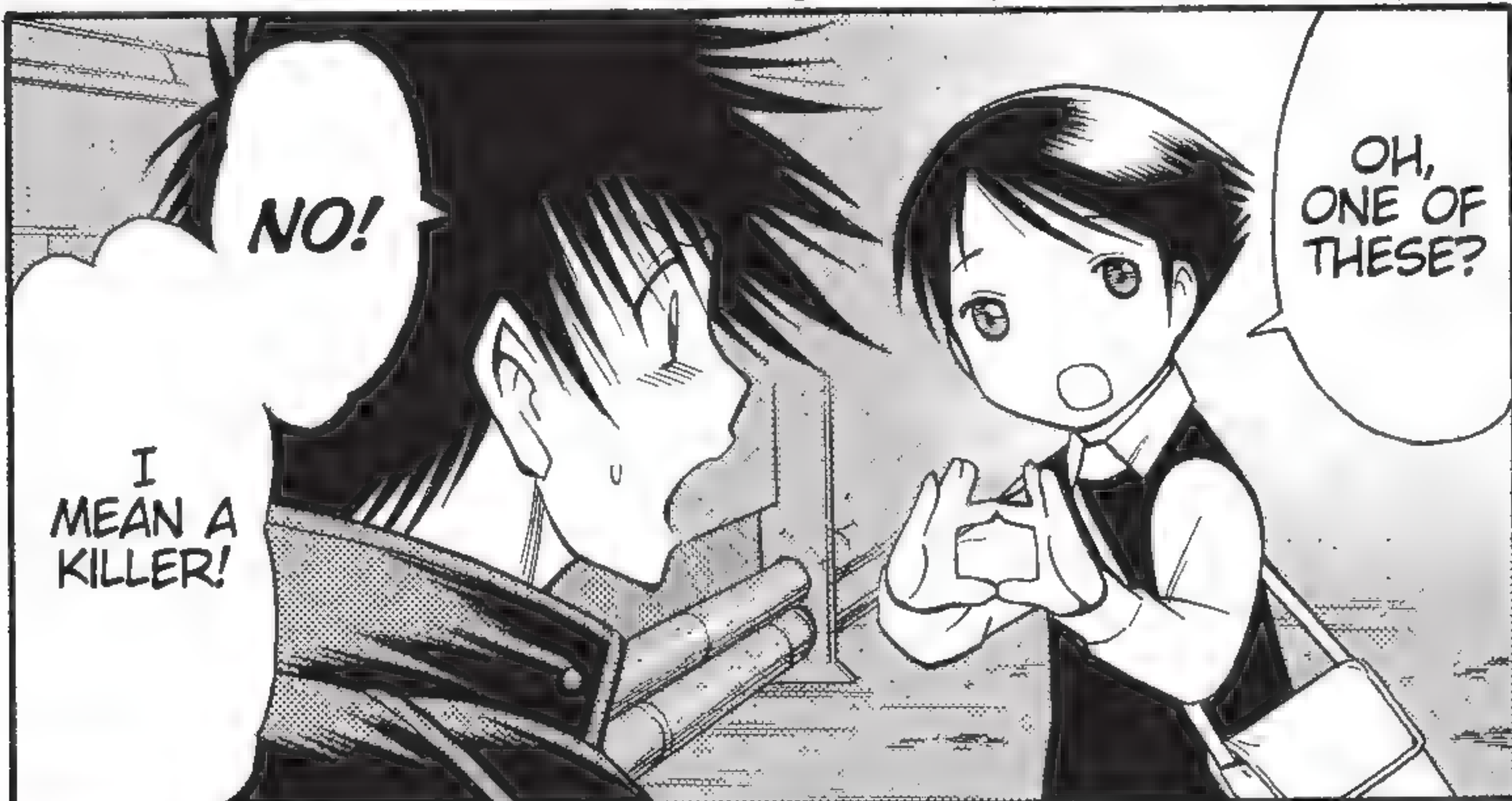




WAIT!!

H-HANG ON!

*The words "assassin" and "rectangle" are both pronounced "shikaku" in Japanese



NO!

I MEAN A KILLER!

OH, ONE OF THESE?



TWITCH

!



EEEE!

OOO, DID YOU HEAR?! A KILLER !!

OH, THAT'S SO SCARY!!

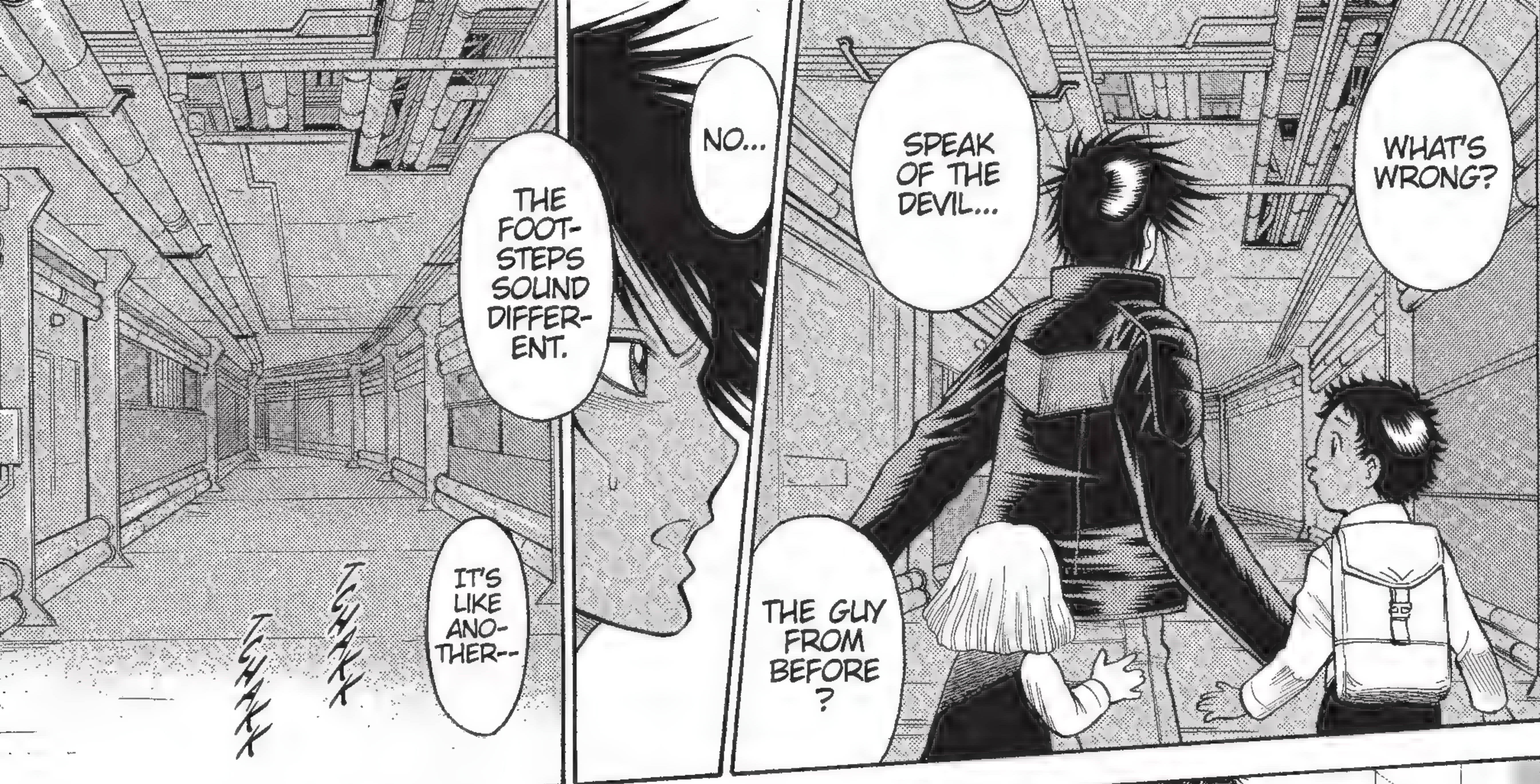
BOUNE BOUNE



DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND US?

AN ASSASSIN! YOU KNOW, A "SHIKAKU"!

YOU KIDS ARE IN DANGER!



THE FOOT-
STEPS
SOUND
DIFFER-
ENT.

NO...

SPEAK
OF THE
DEVIL...

WHAT'S
WRONG?

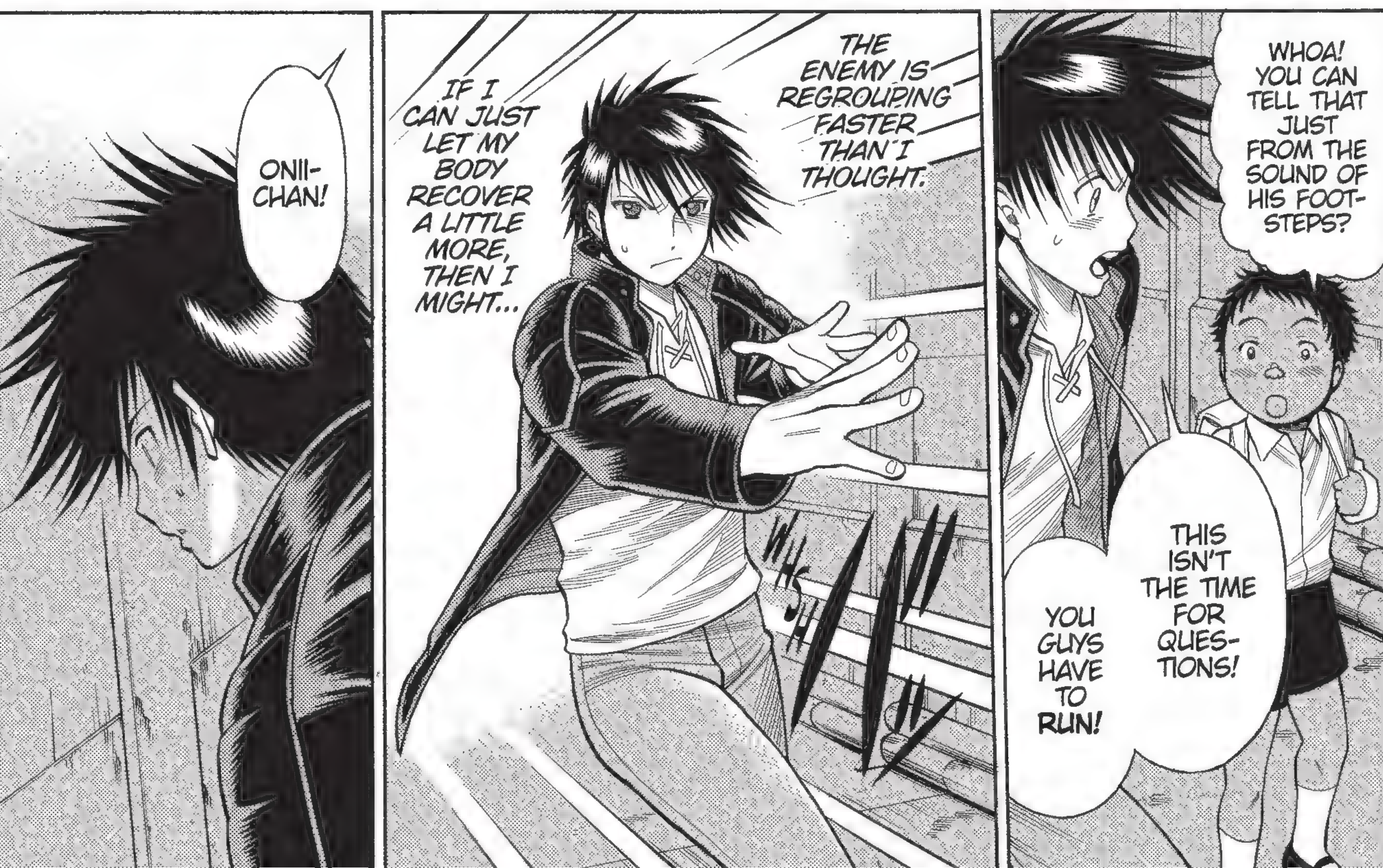
THE GUY
FROM
BEFORE
?

IT'S
LIKE
ANO-
THER--

TAK
TAK



THE
POWER
RANGER
...!!



ONII-
CHAN!

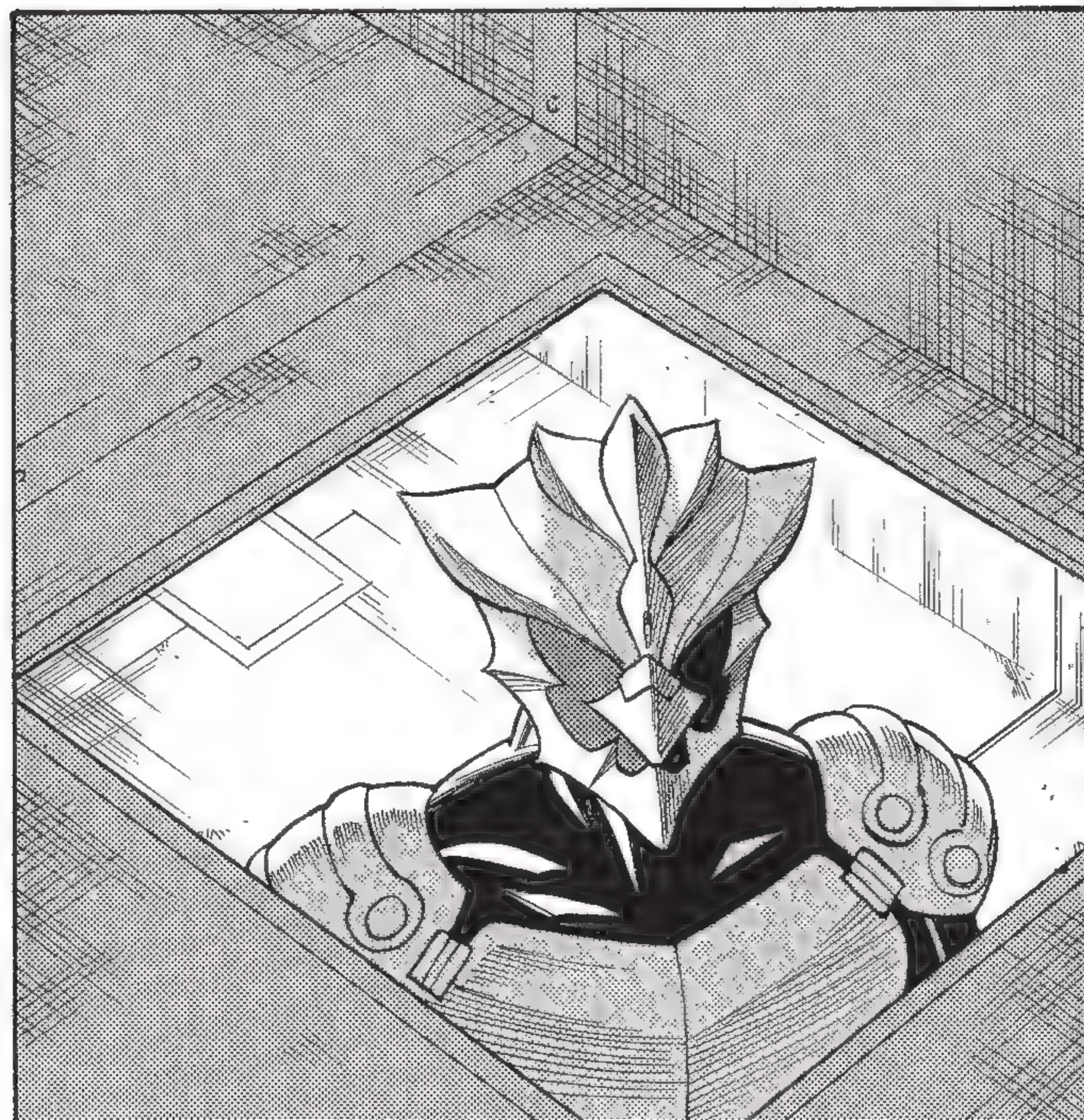
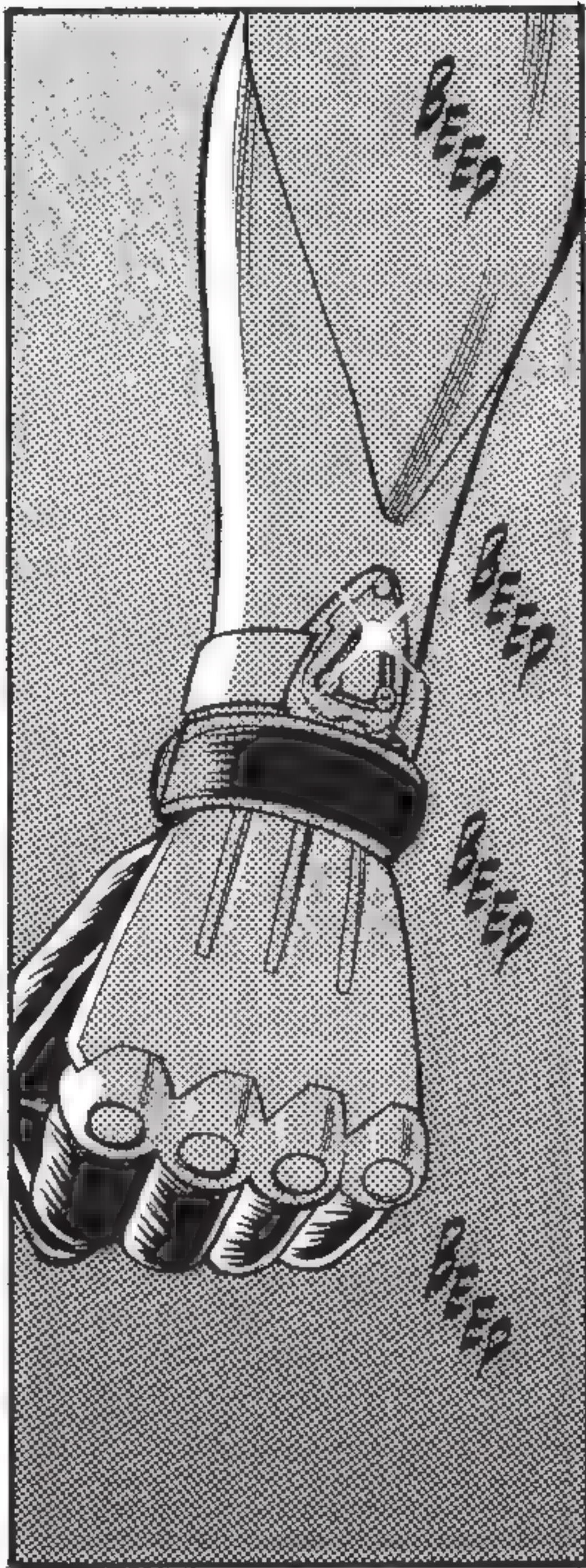
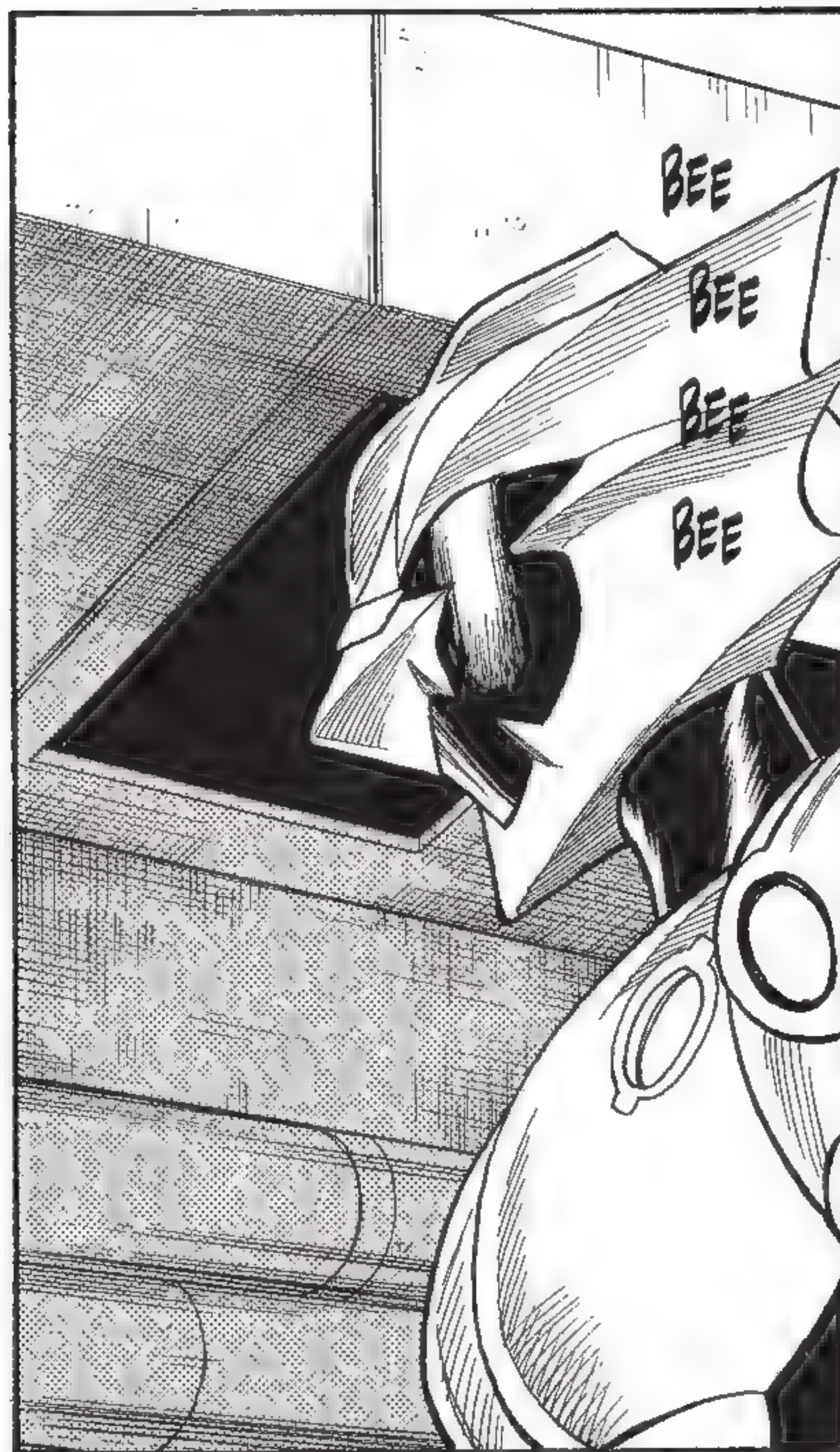
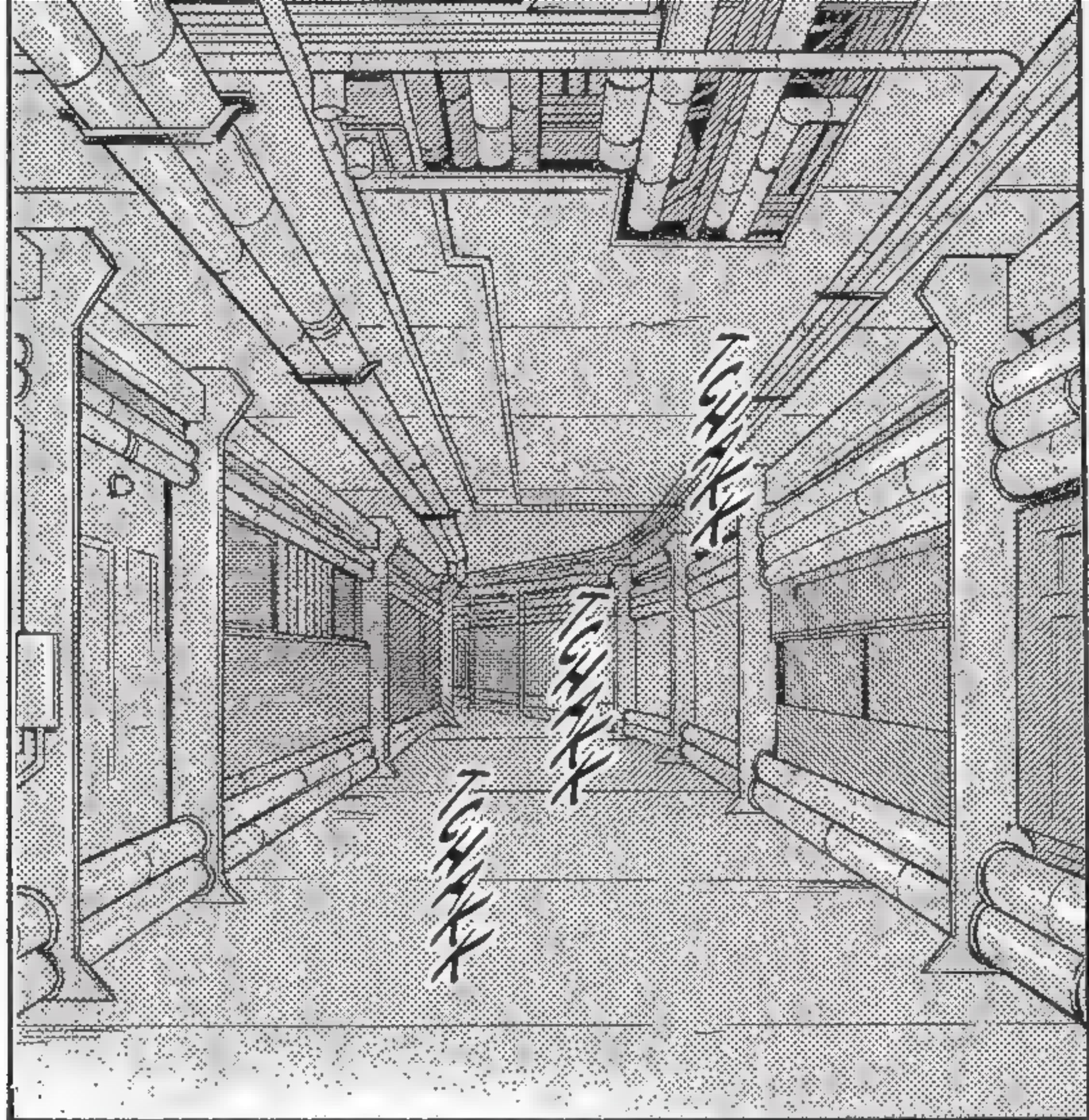
IF I
CAN JUST
LET MY
BODY
RECOVER
A LITTLE
MORE,
THEN I
MIGHT...

THE
ENEMY IS
REGROUPING
FASTER
THAN I
THOUGHT.

WHOA!
YOU CAN
TELL THAT
JUST
FROM THE
SOUND OF
HIS FOOT-
STEPS?

THIS
ISN'T
THE TIME
FOR
QUES-
TIONS!

YOU
GUYS
HAVE
TO
RUN!



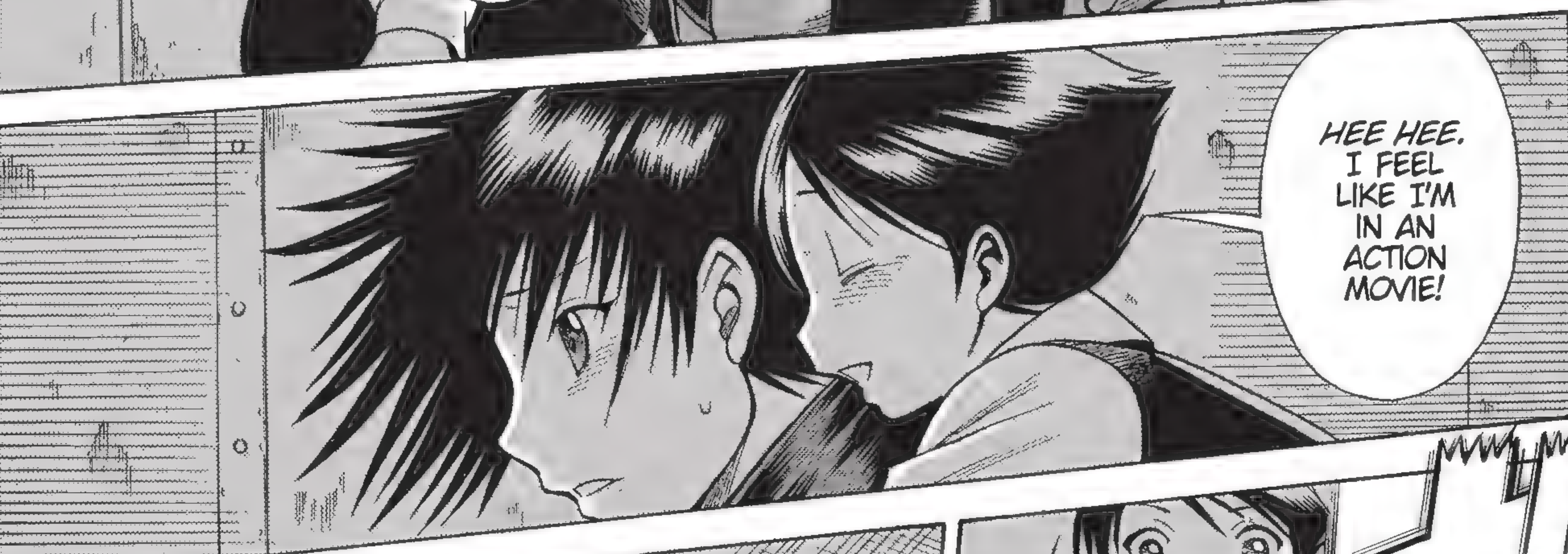


I'M
NOT AS
COMPACT
AS YOU
GUYS
ARE...

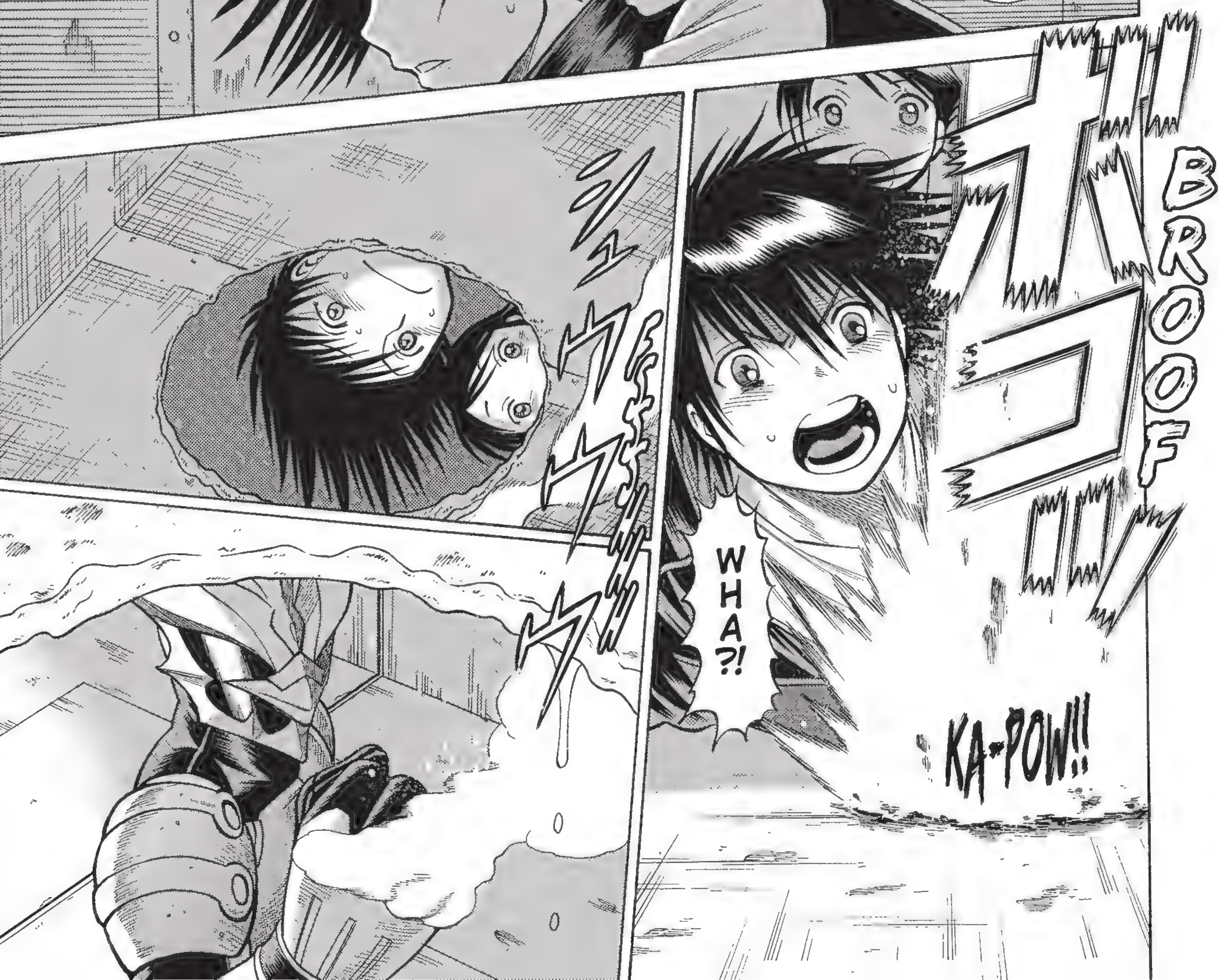
HEY...

HURRY!

KEEP
MOVING!



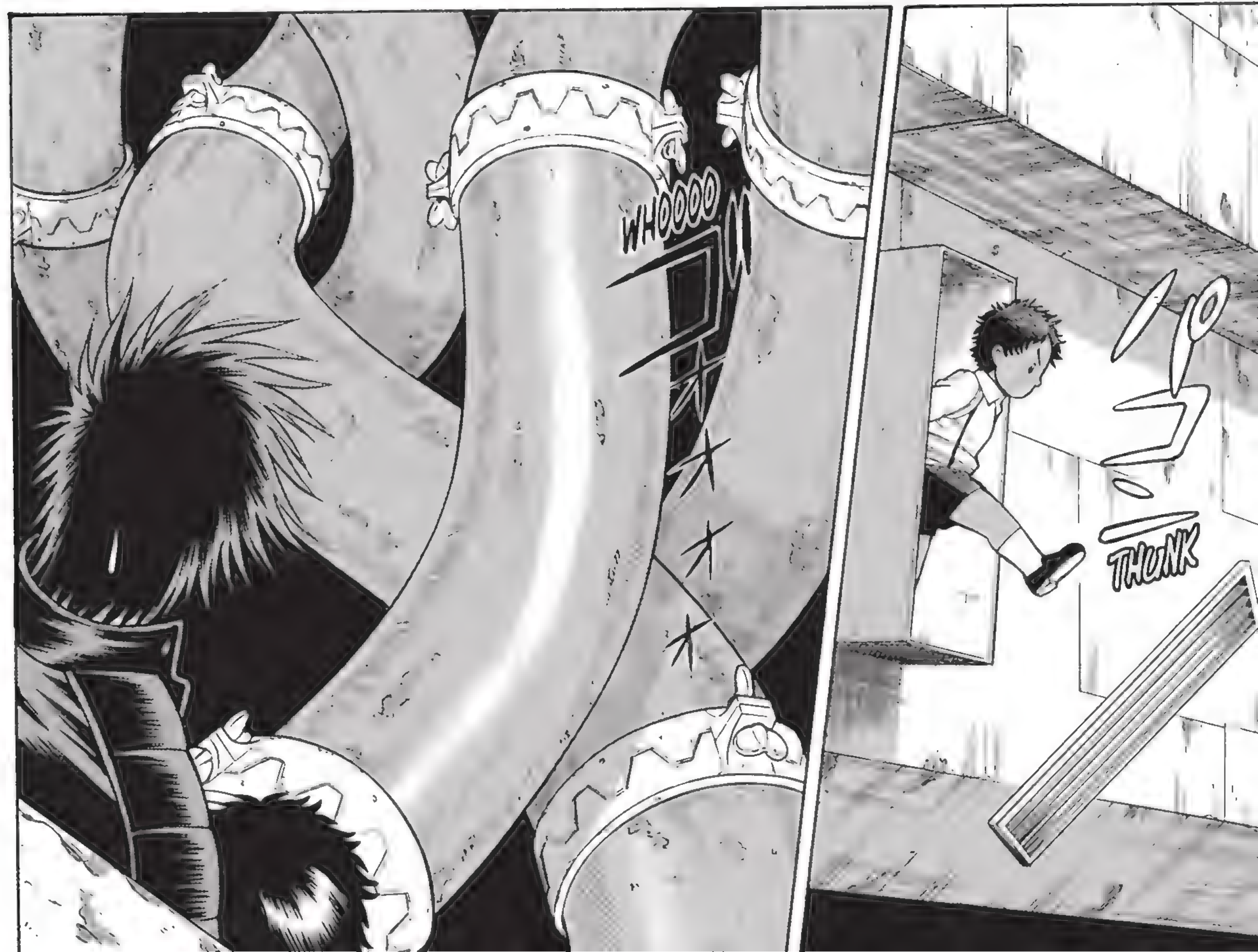
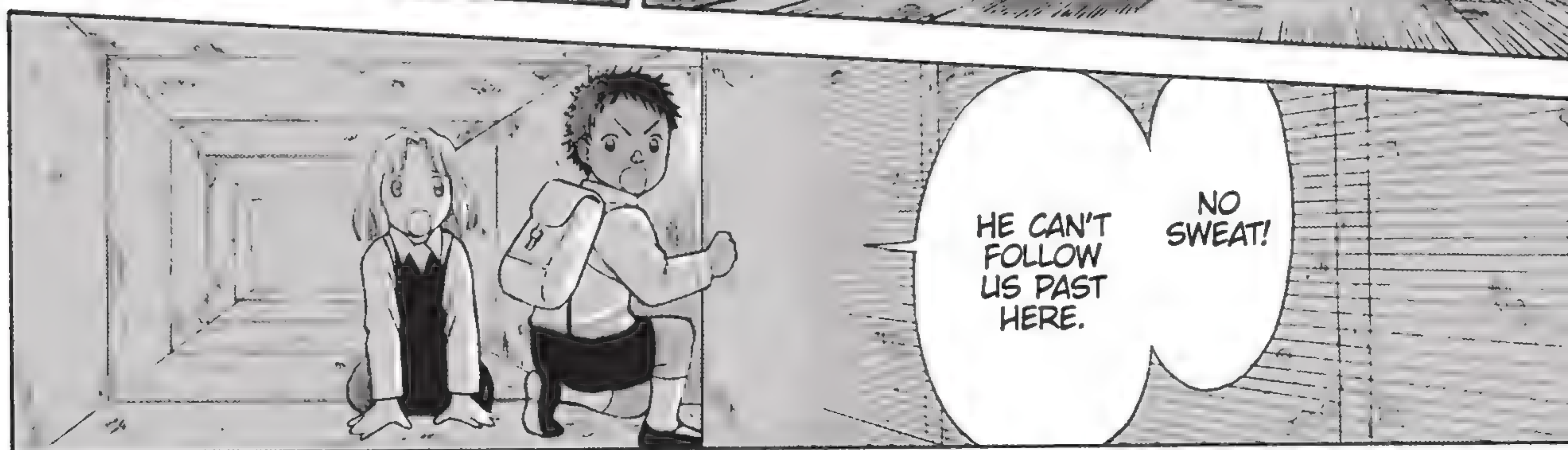
HEE HEE.
I FEEL
LIKE I'M
IN AN
ACTION
MOVIE!

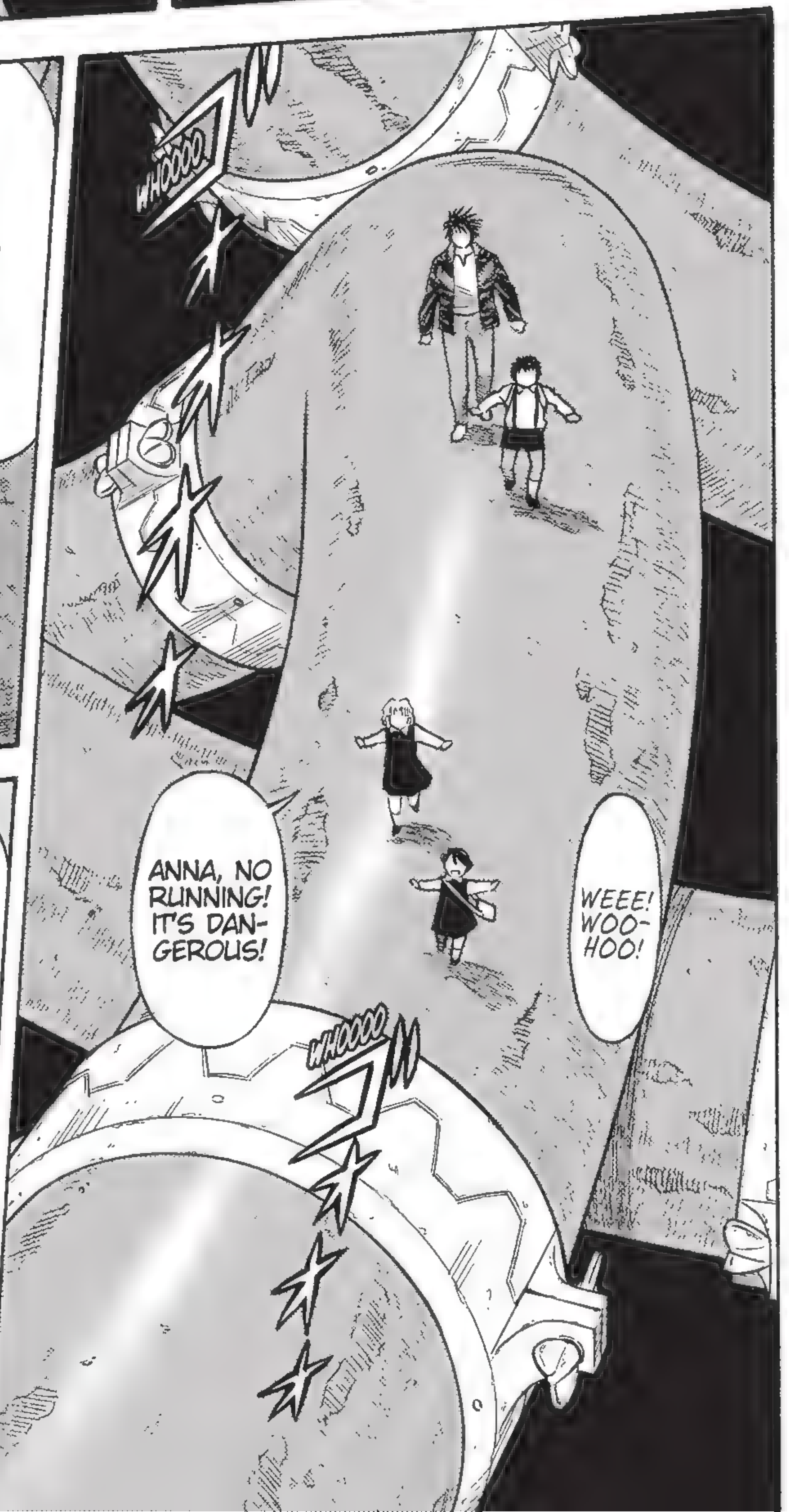
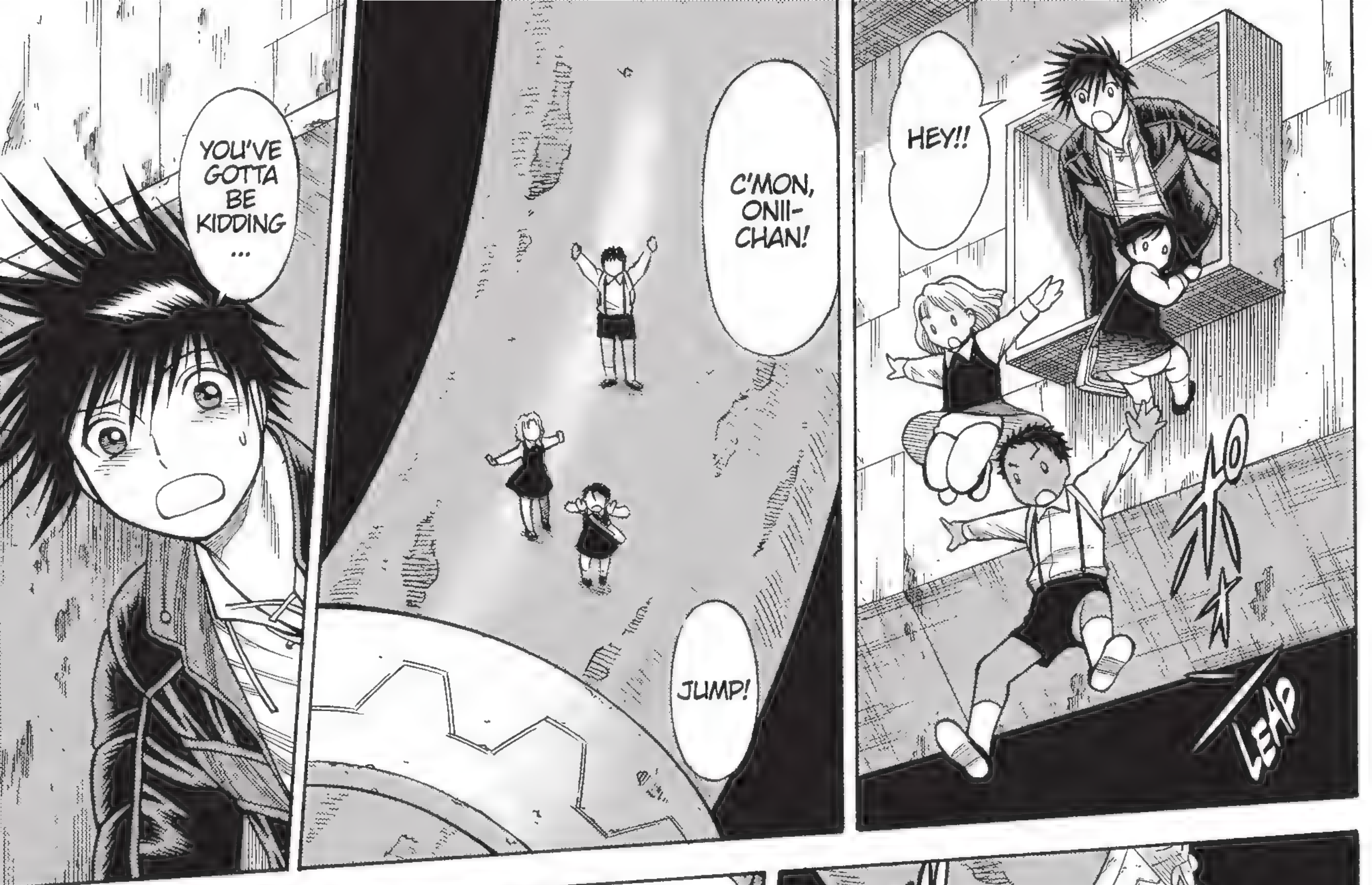


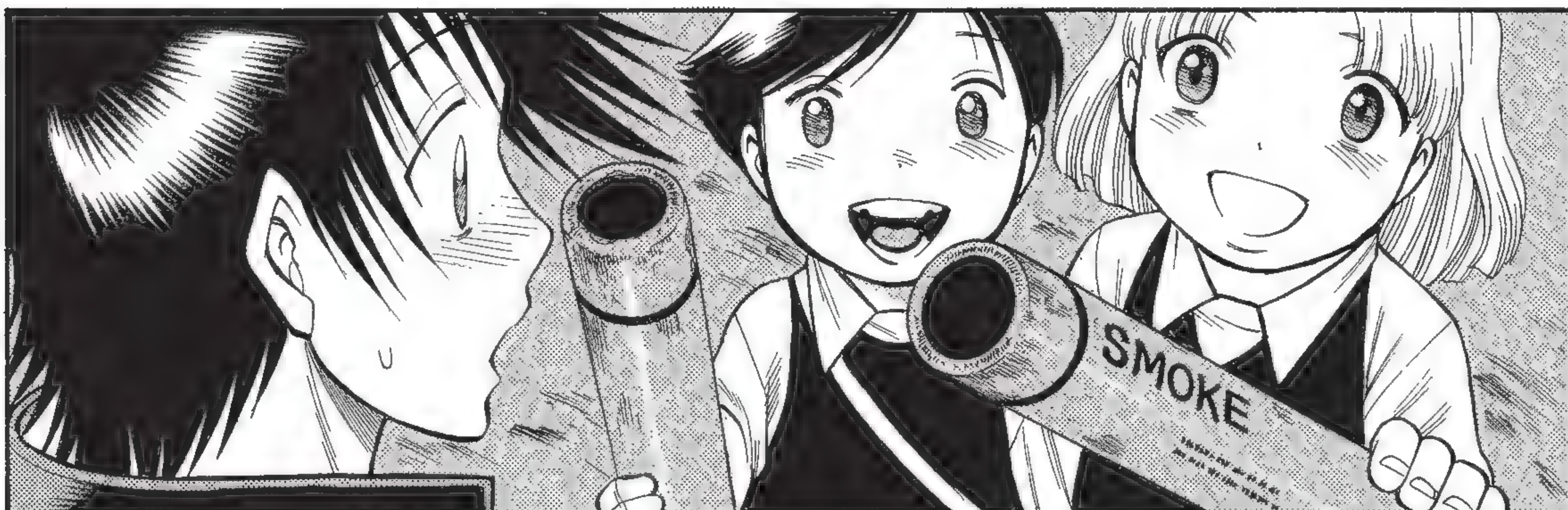
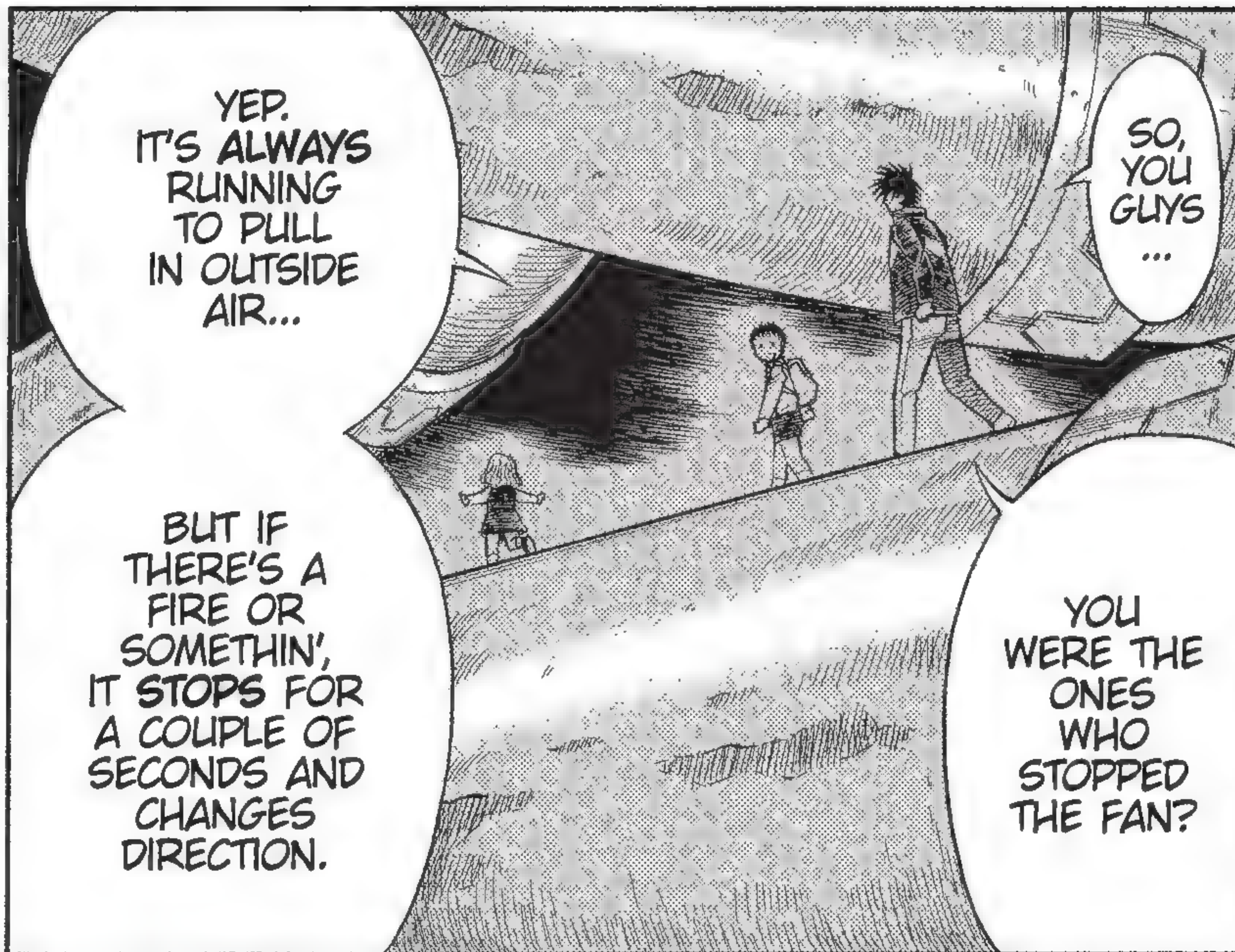
WHA?!

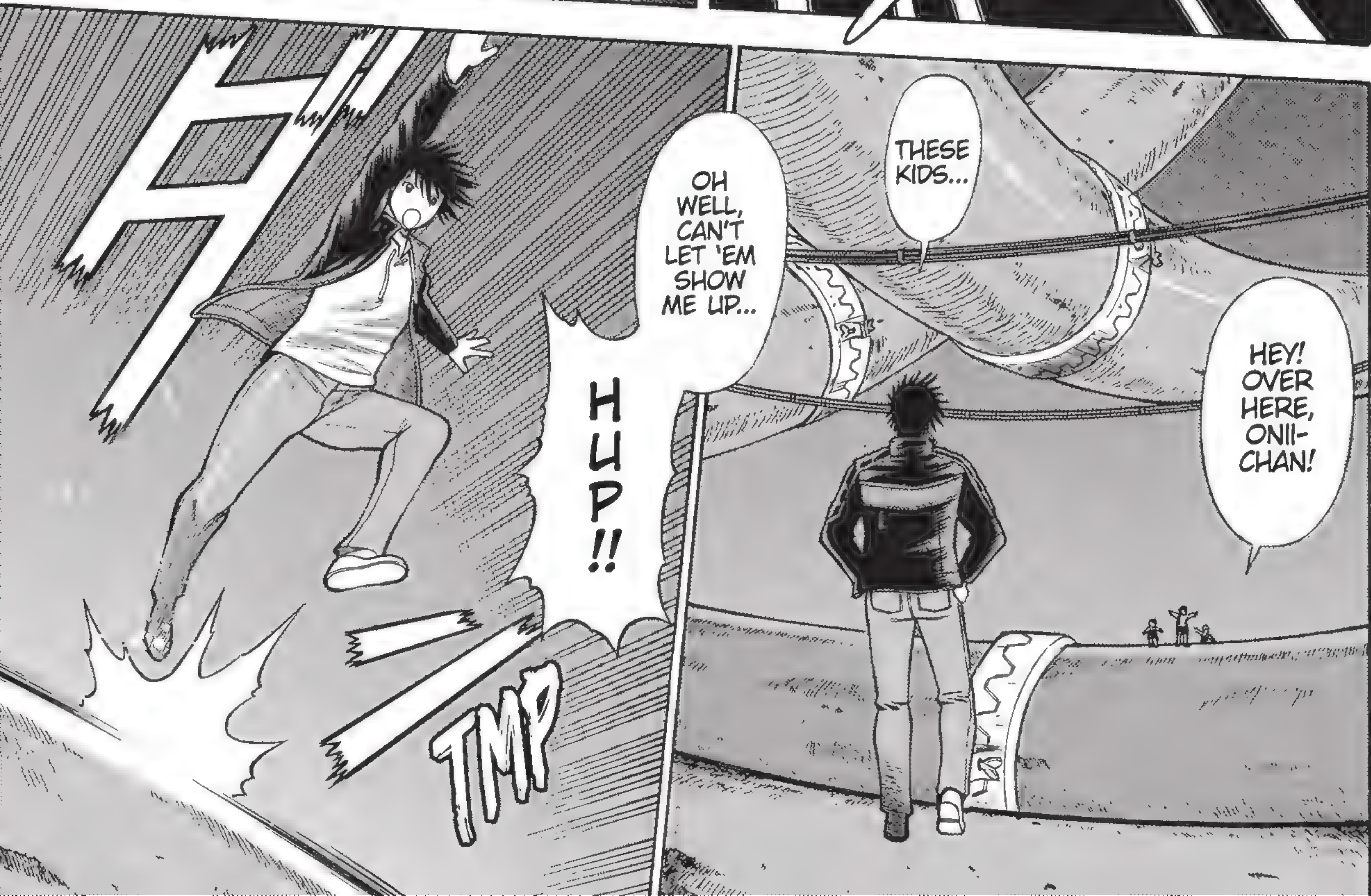
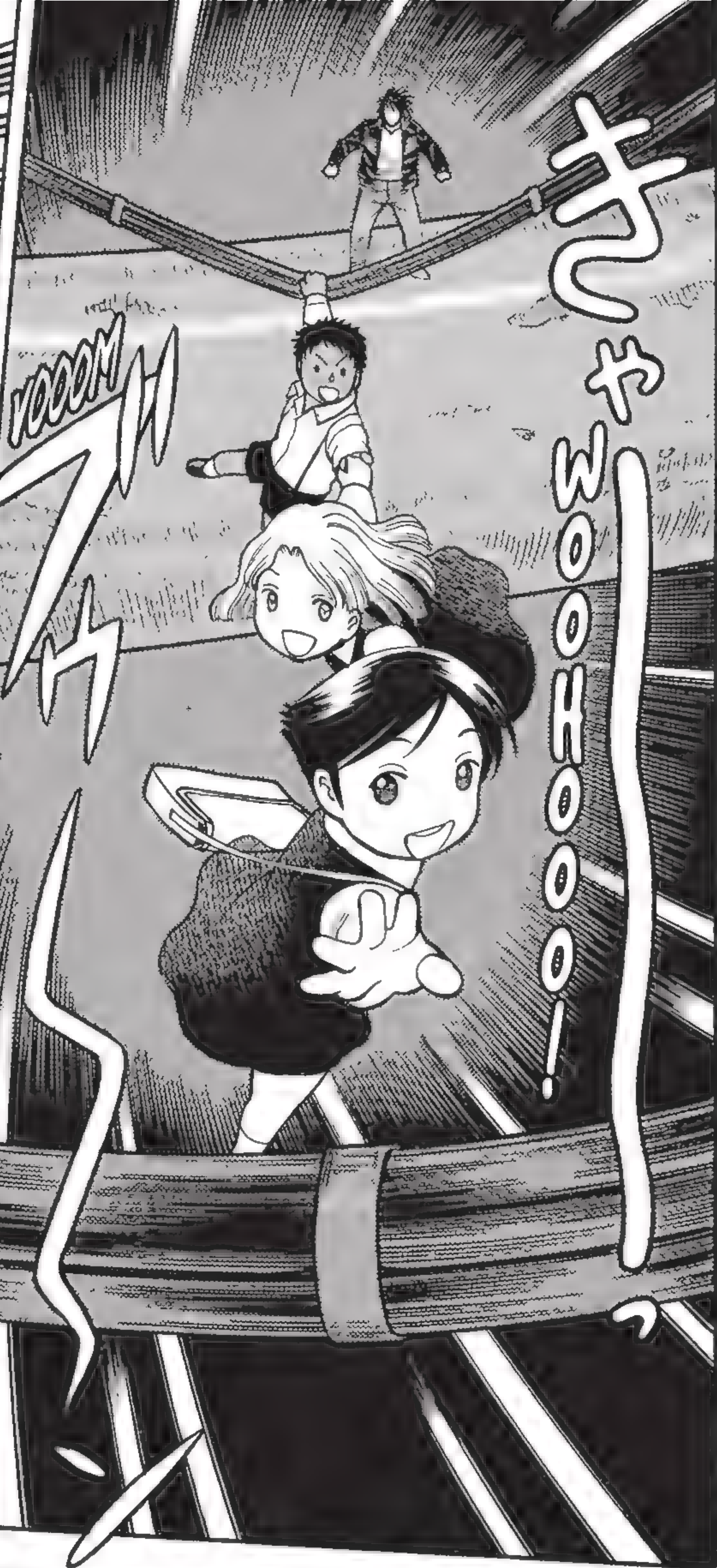
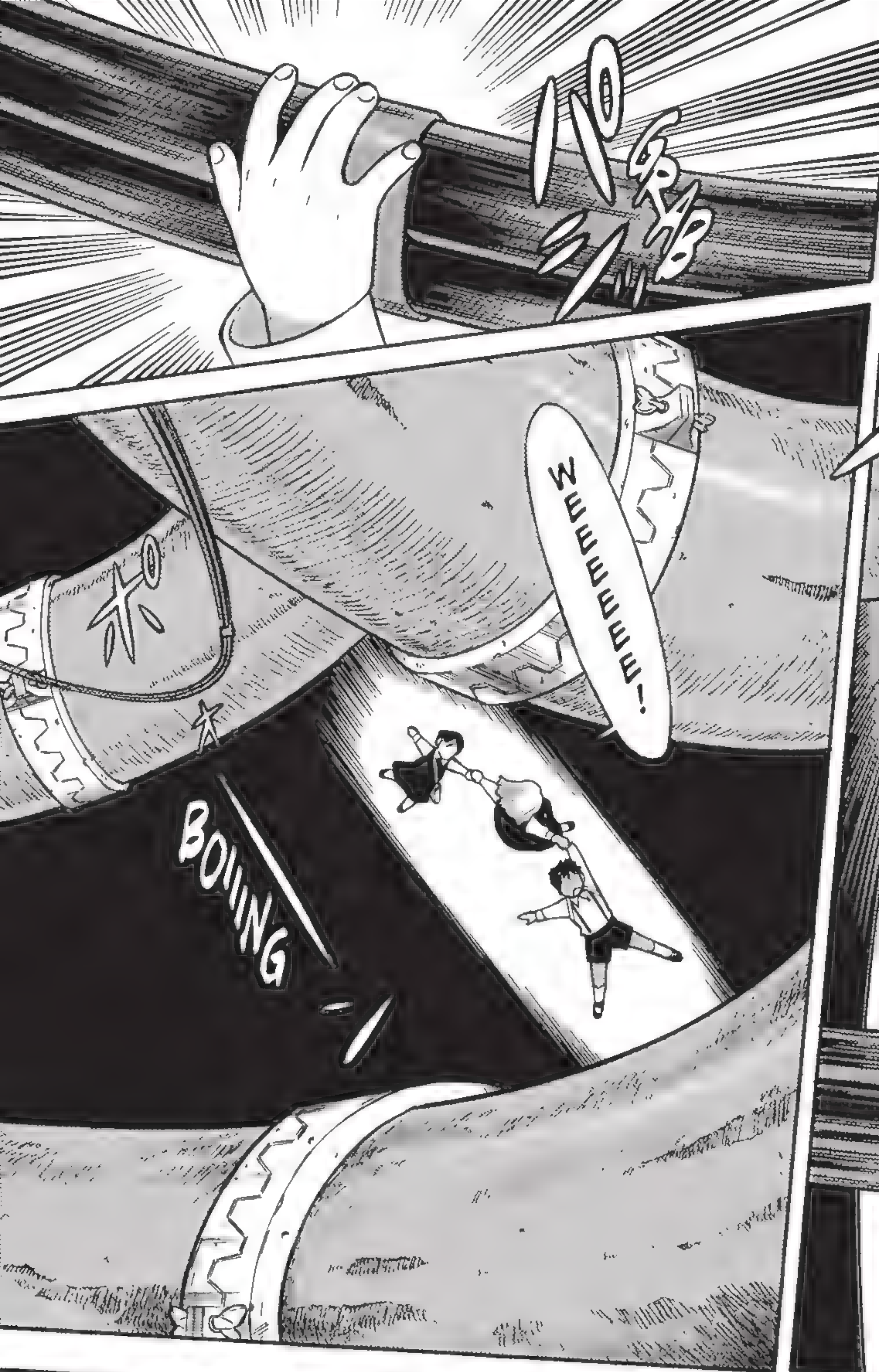
KA-POW!!

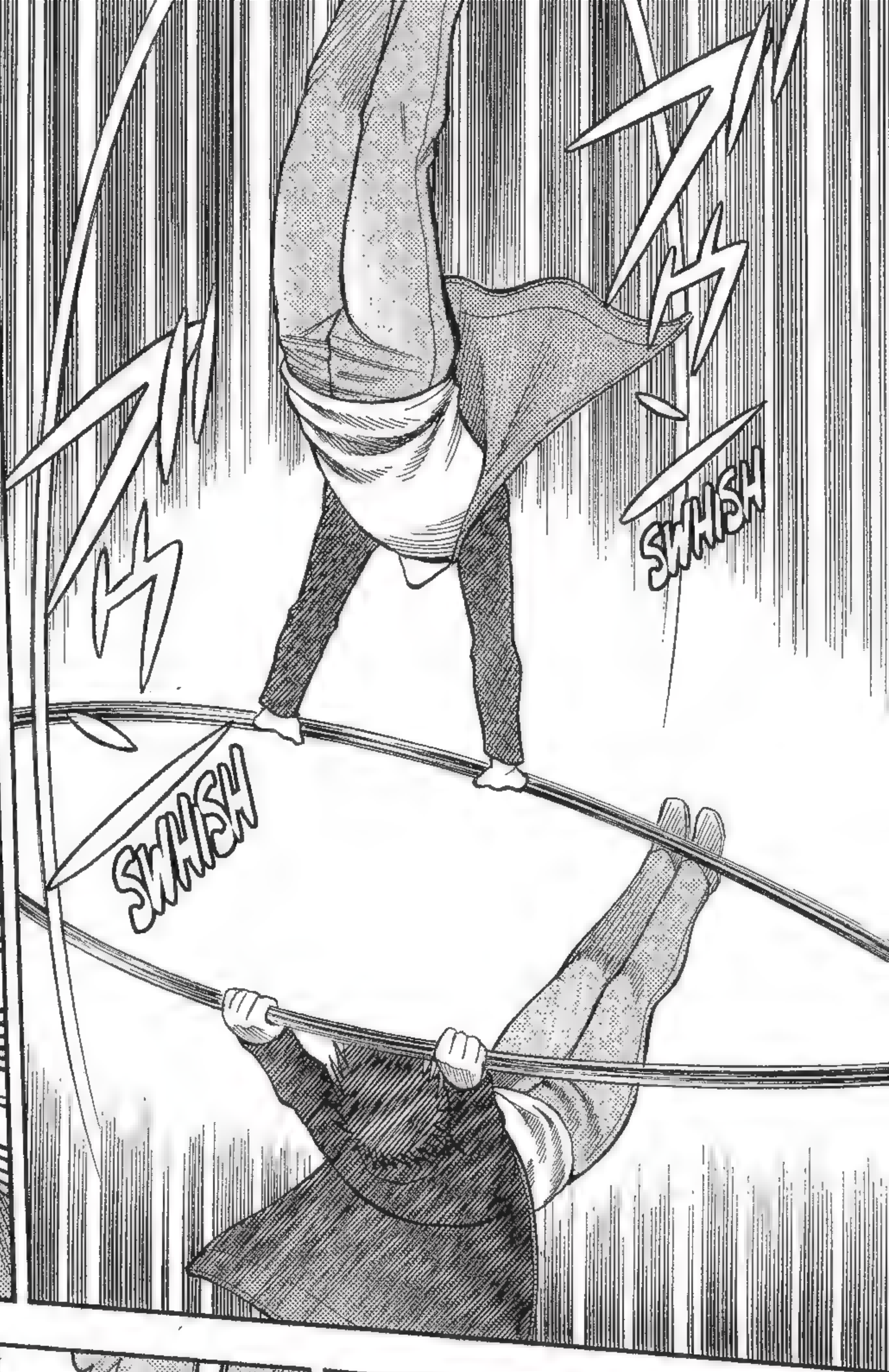
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O
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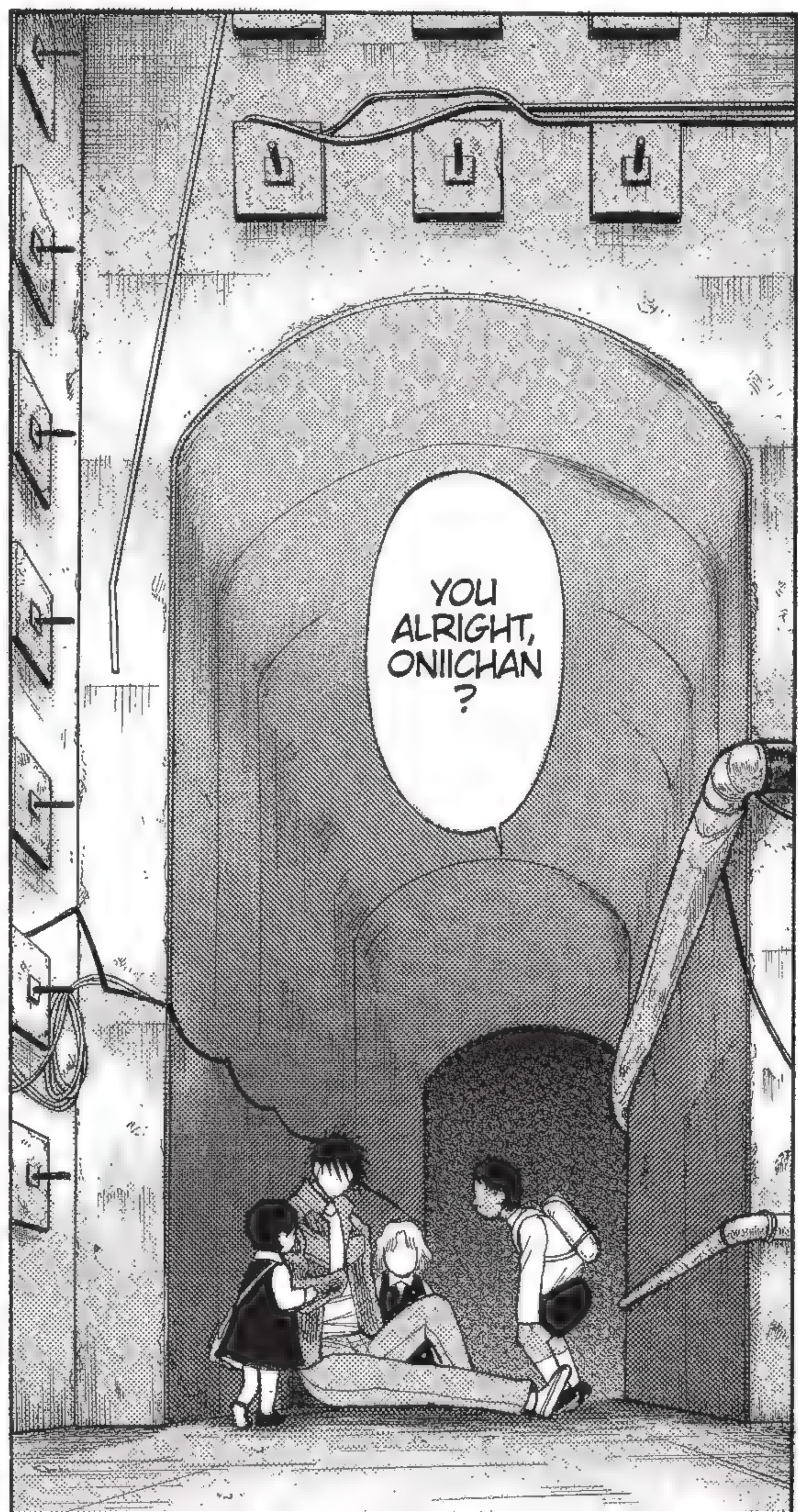
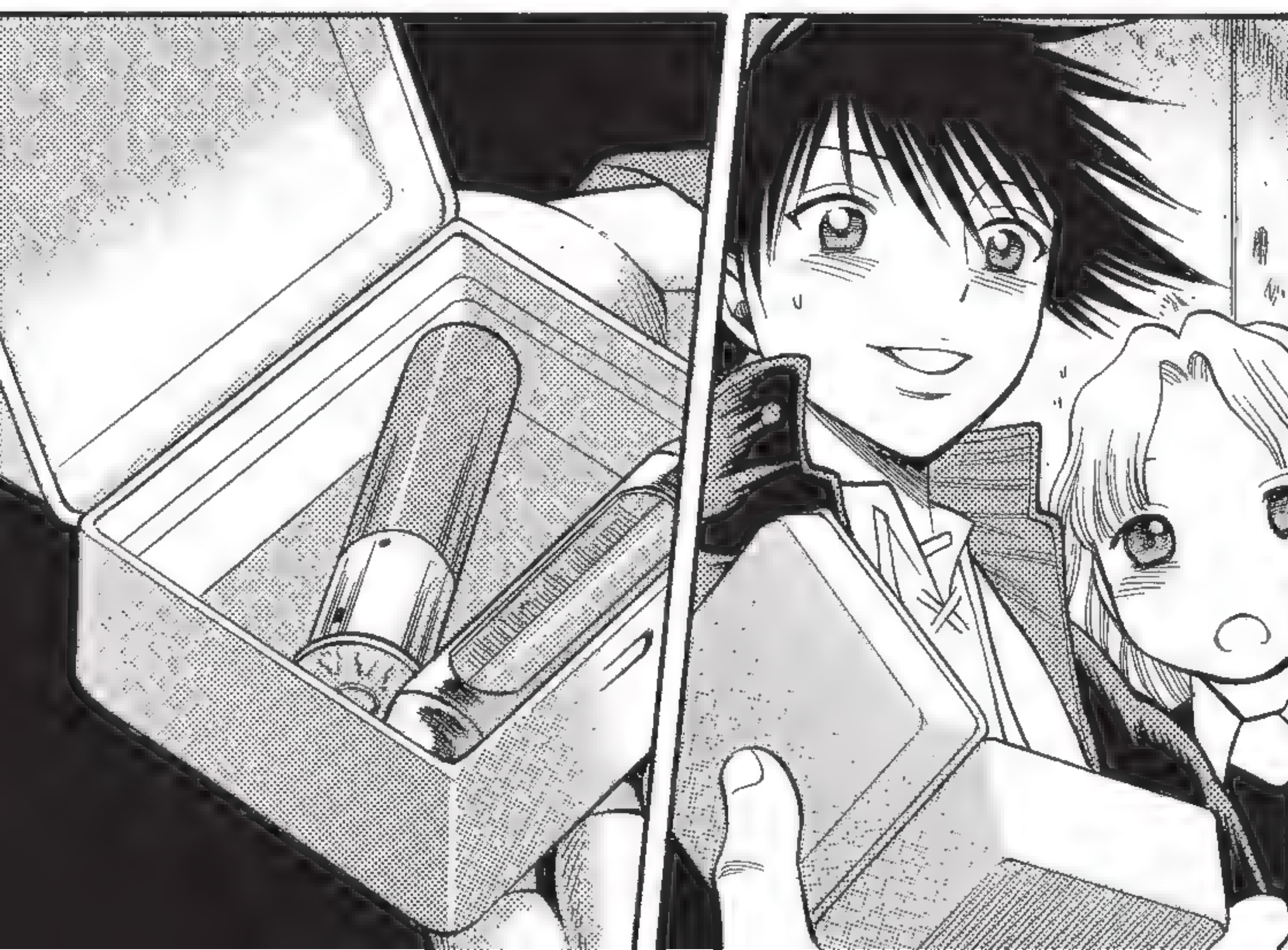














ONIICHAN,
WHAT'RE
YOU
GONNA DO
NEXT?



.....
I
WONDER
IF HE'S
ALL
RIGHT...



A
BULLET
?

FROM
HAMA-
SEIJI-
SAN, I
GUESS...

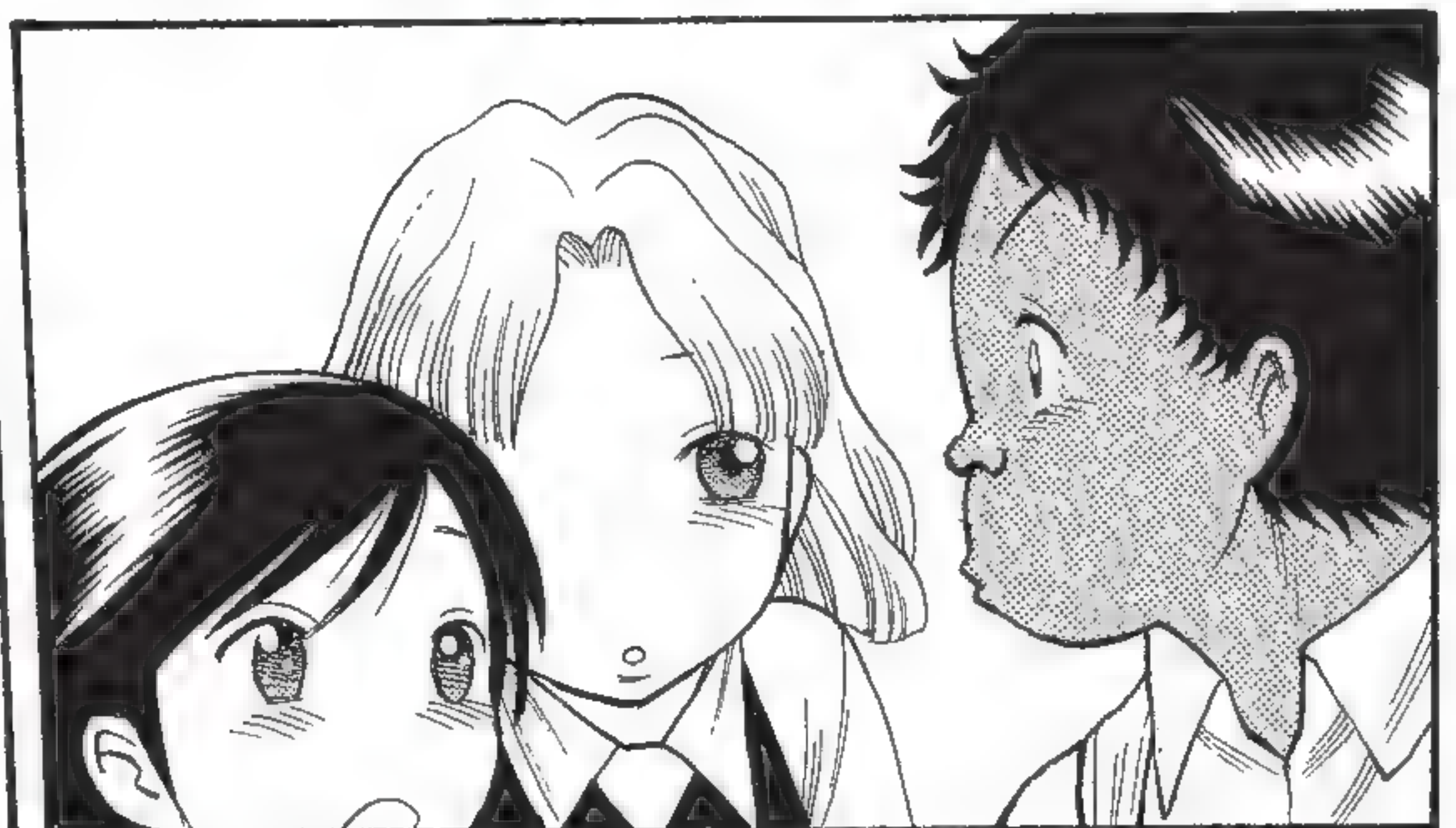


I KNOW!
THERE'S
A PLACE
THEY'LL
NEVER
FIND
YOU!!

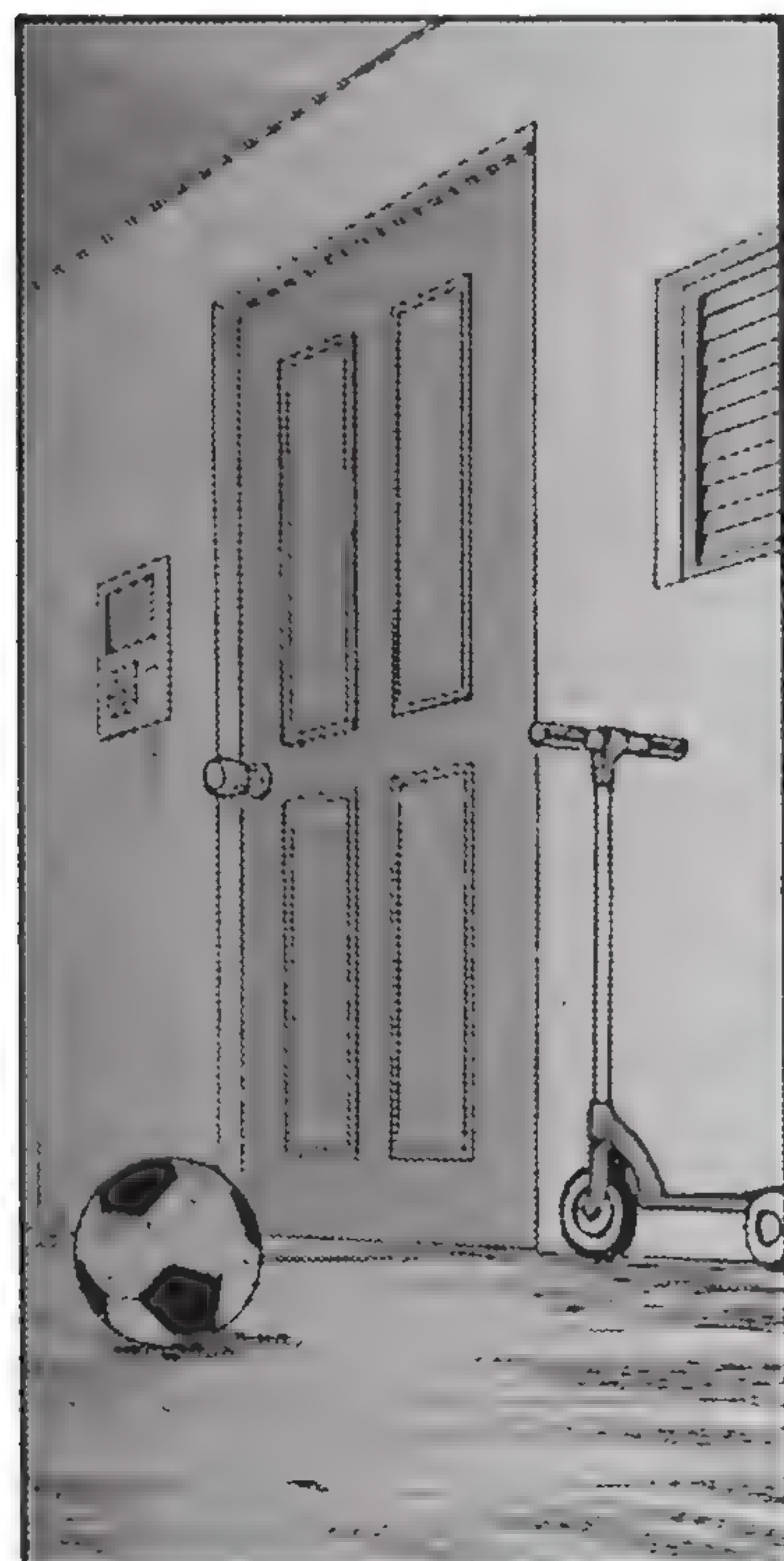


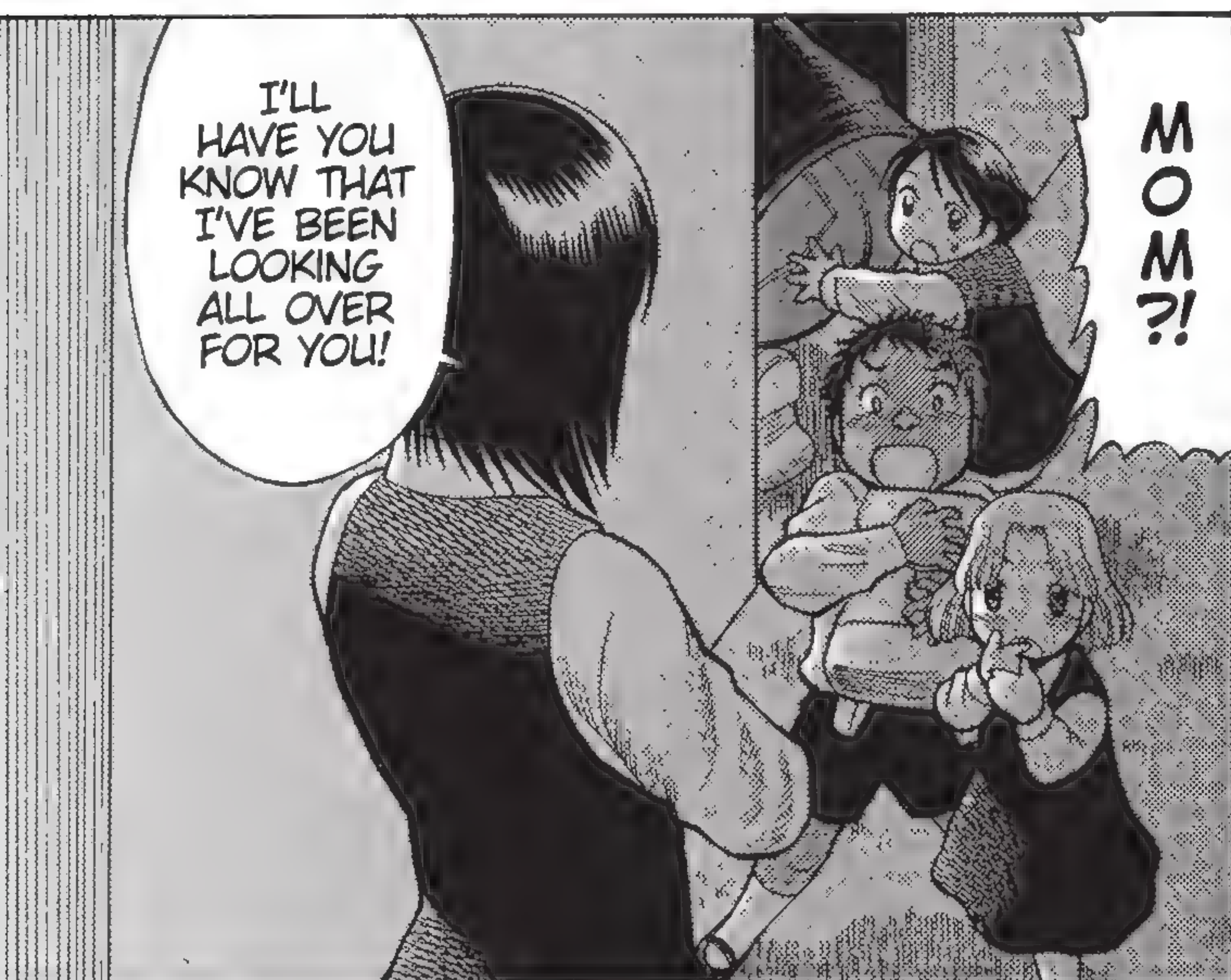
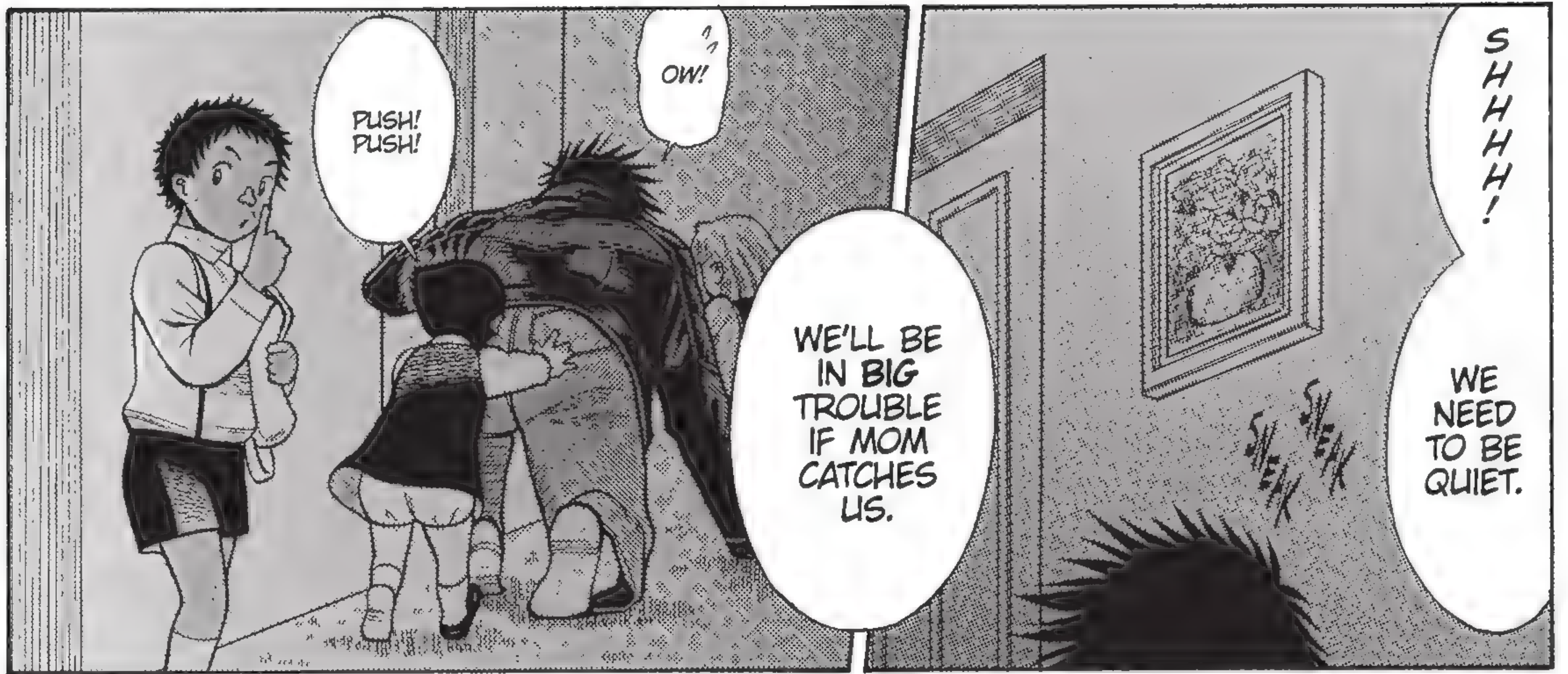
I NEED
TO LET
MY BODY
RECOVER.
BUT
THAT'S
TOUGH.

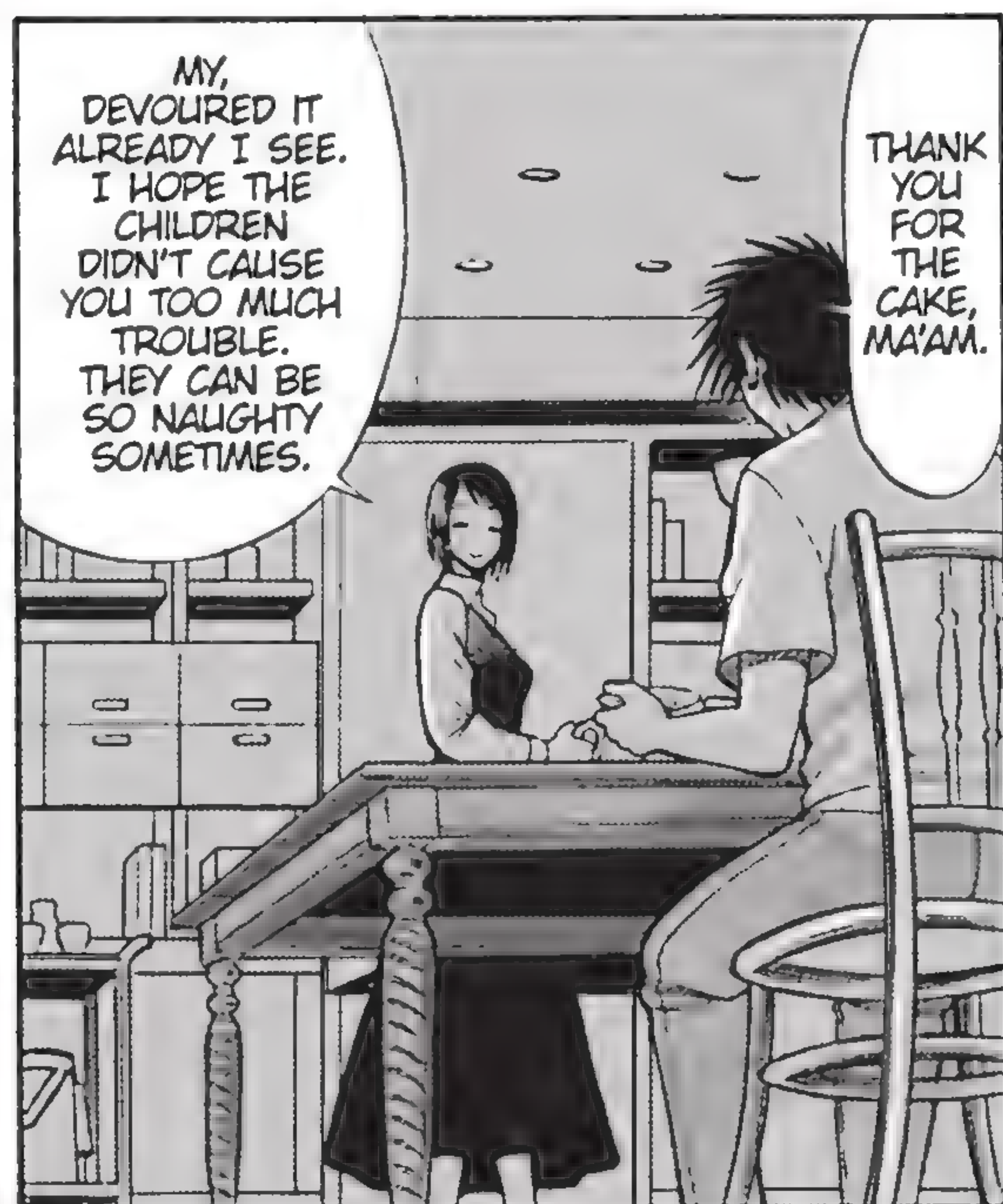
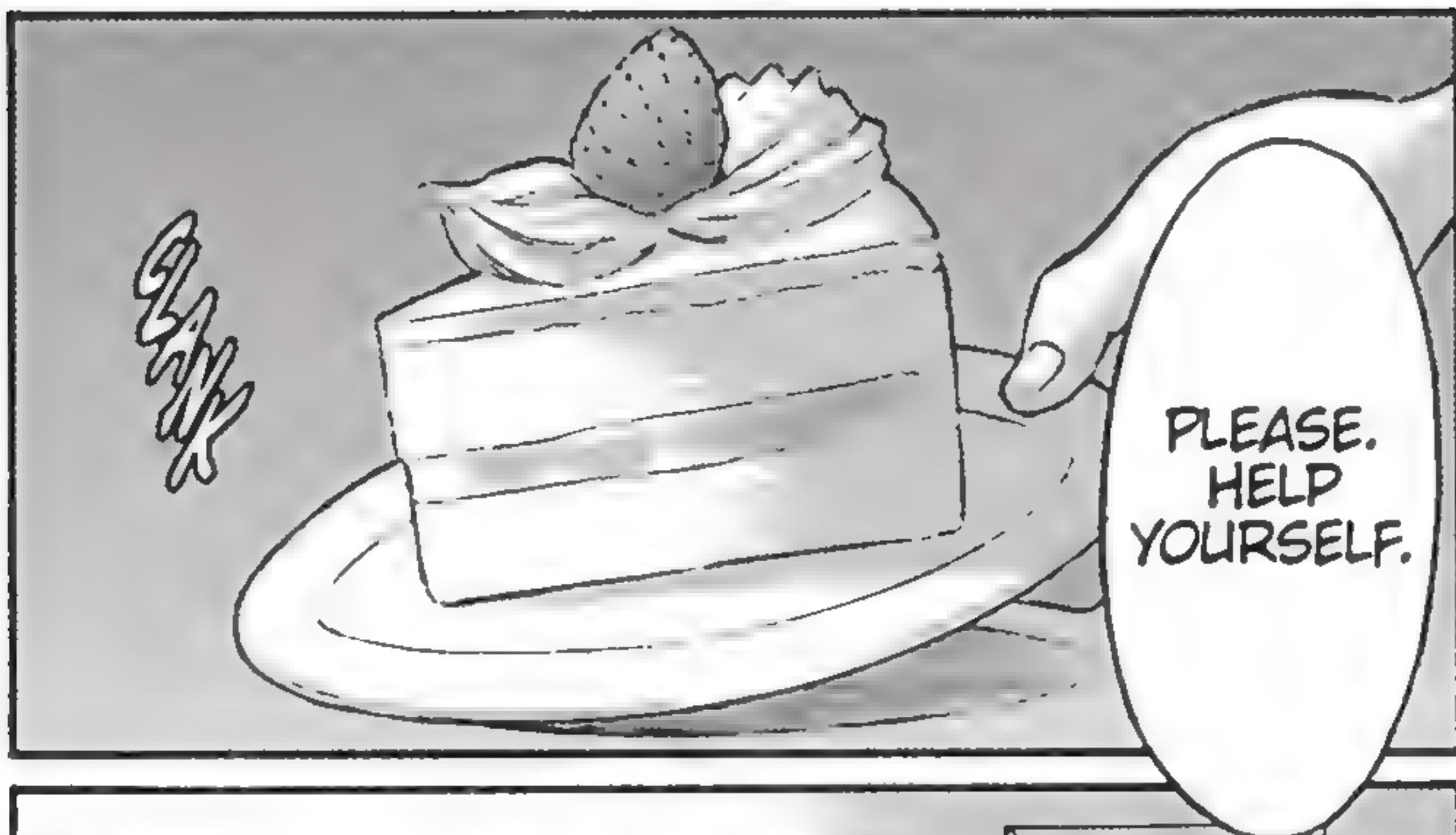
IF ONLY...
THERE
WAS SOME
PLACE
WHERE
THOSE GUYS
WOULDN'T
FIND ME...











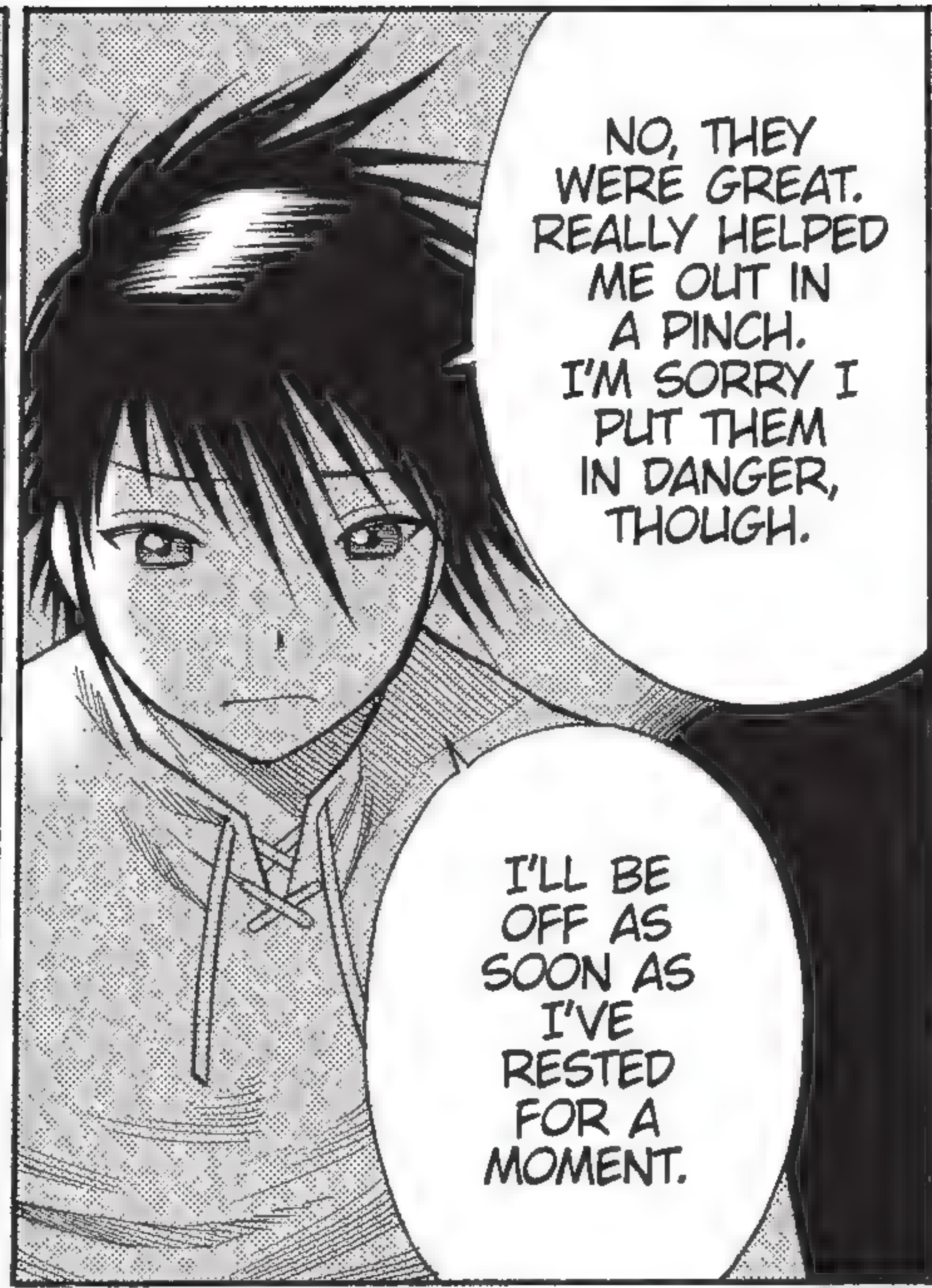


THOSE CHILDREN ALL BECAME VAMPIRES WHEN THEIR PARENTS ATTACKED THEM.



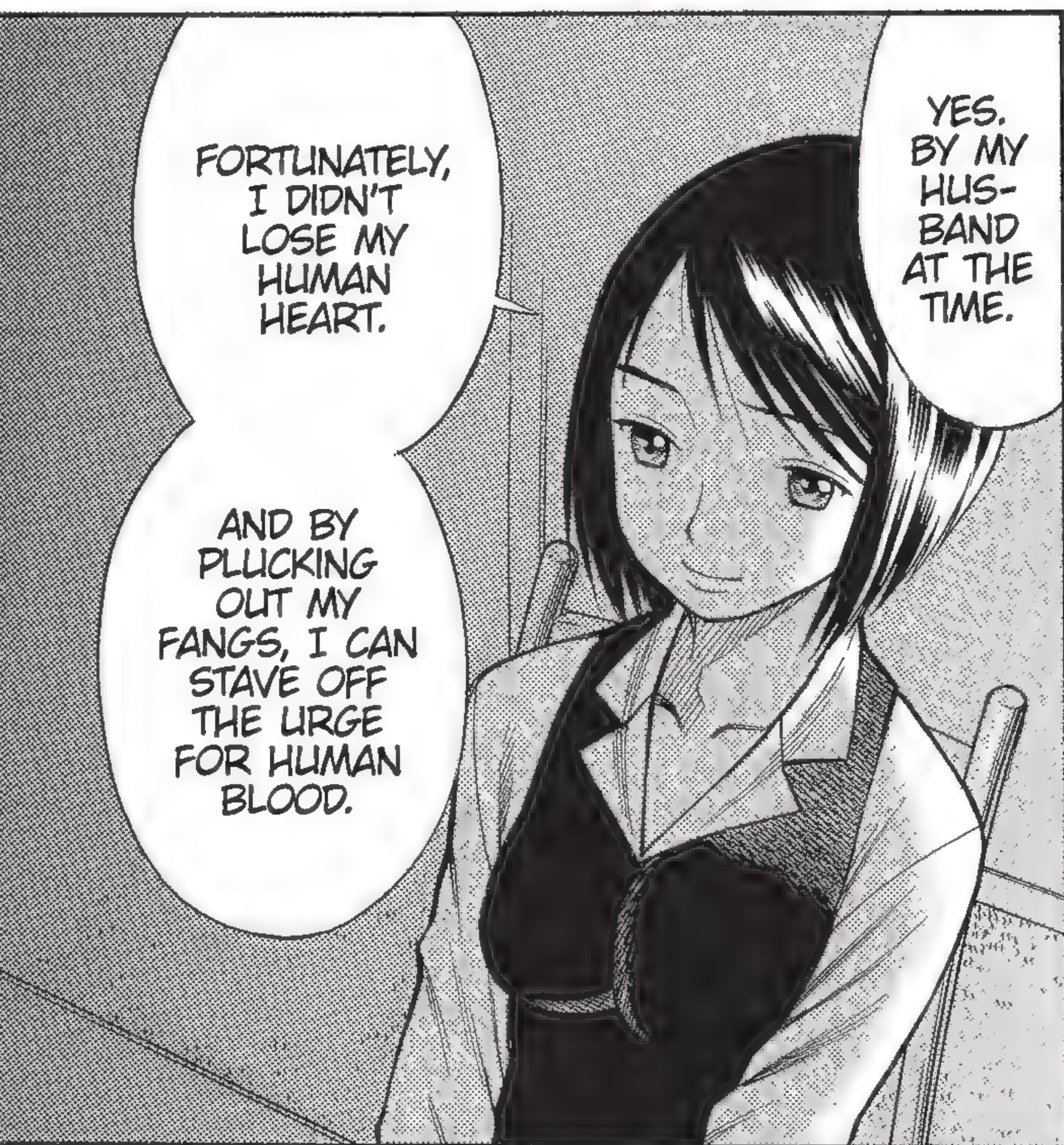
HUH?

NO, IT'S FINE. THE CAKE'S FOR THEM AS WELL.



NO, THEY WERE GREAT. REALLY HELPED ME OUT IN A PINCH. I'M SORRY I PUT THEM IN DANGER, THOUGH.

I'LL BE OFF AS SOON AS I'VE RESTED FOR A MOMENT.



FORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T LOSE MY HUMAN HEART.

AND BY PLUCKING OUT MY FANGS, I CAN STAVE OFF THE URGE FOR HUMAN BLOOD.

YES. BY MY HUSBAND AT THE TIME.



SO, YOU...?



AND BECAUSE OF THAT...

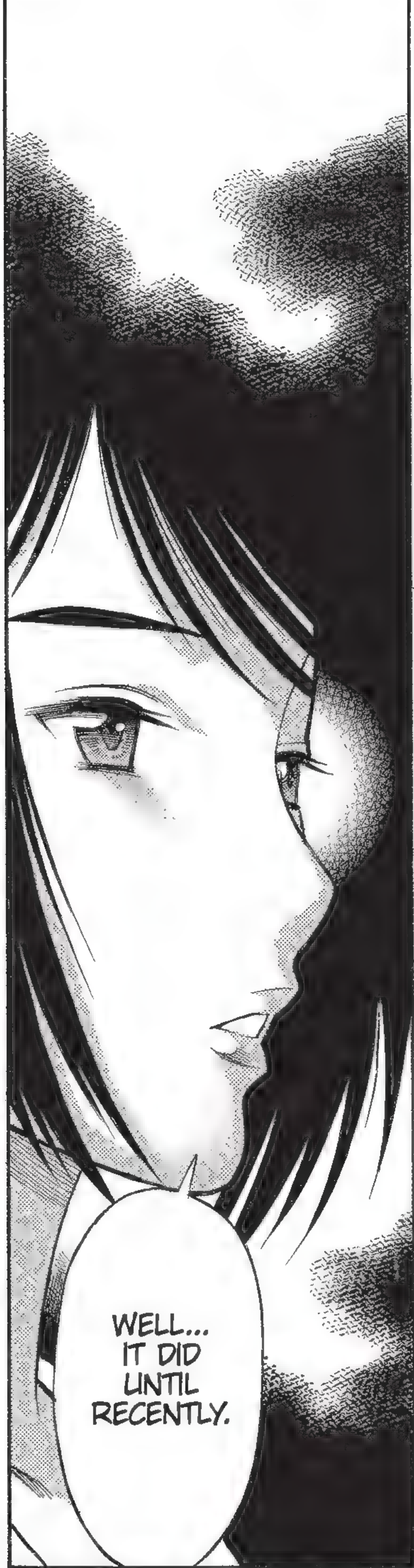
SOMEDAY, THAT DESIRE MAY WELL RESURFACE.

BUT I'M STILL A VAMPIRE.

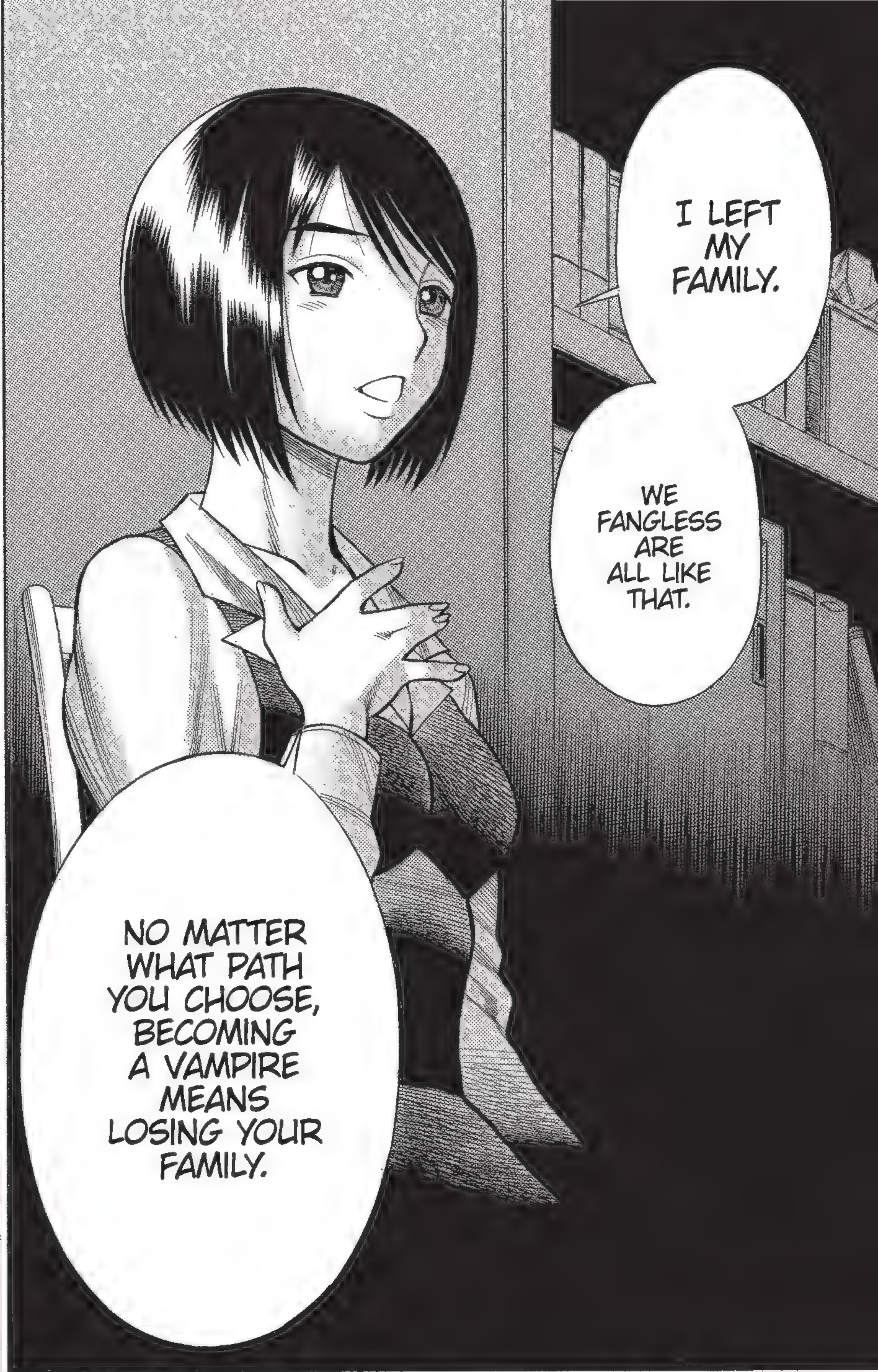


A VAMPIRE'S FIRST MEAL IS NEARLY ALWAYS THEIR FAMILY.

IT MAKES SENSE. THEY'RE THE CLOSEST, SO THERE'S NO WARNING.



WELL...
IT DID
UNTIL
RECENTLY.



NO MATTER
WHAT PATH
YOU CHOOSE,
BECOMING
A VAMPIRE
MEANS
LOSING YOUR
FAMILY.

I LEFT
MY
FAMILY.

WE
FANGLESS
ARE
ALL LIKE
THAT.

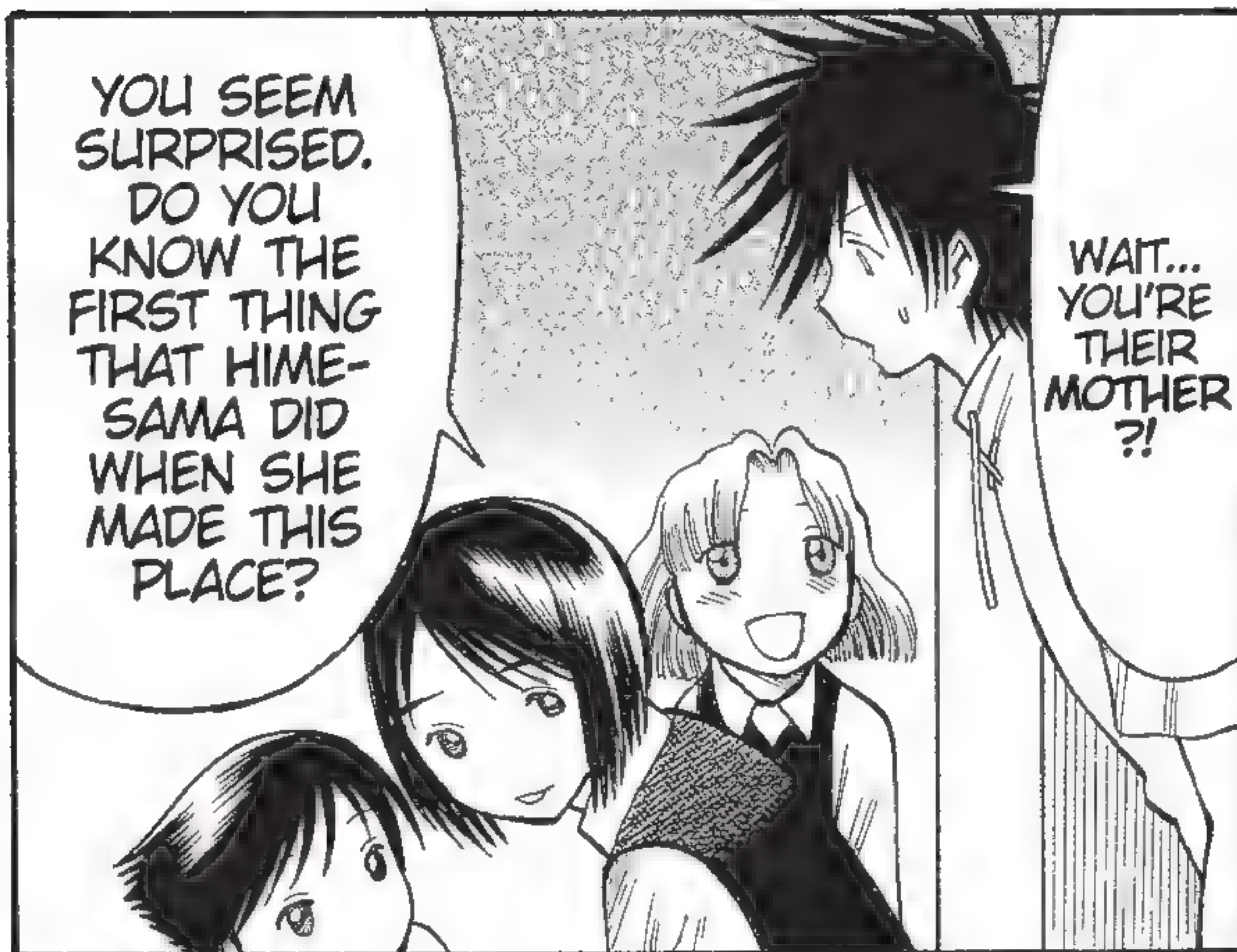


OH,
ARE YOU
ALL
SET?

MOM,
WE'RE
BACK!

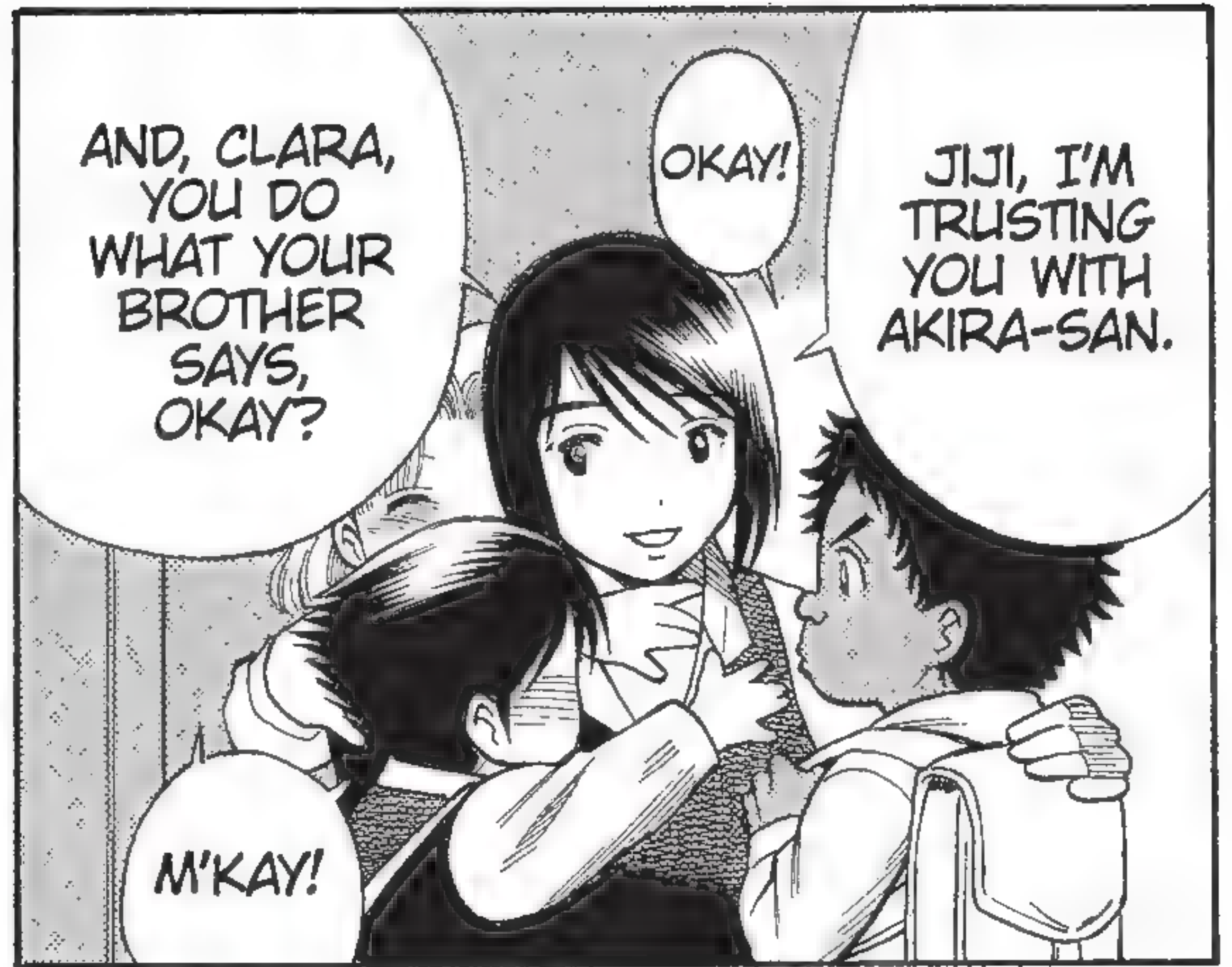


UNTIL
RECENT-
LY...?



YOU SEEM SURPRISED. DO YOU KNOW THE FIRST THING THAT HIME-SAMA DID WHEN SHE MADE THIS PLACE?

WAIT... YOU'RE THEIR MOTHER ?!



AND, CLARA, YOU DO WHAT YOUR BROTHER SAYS, OKAY?

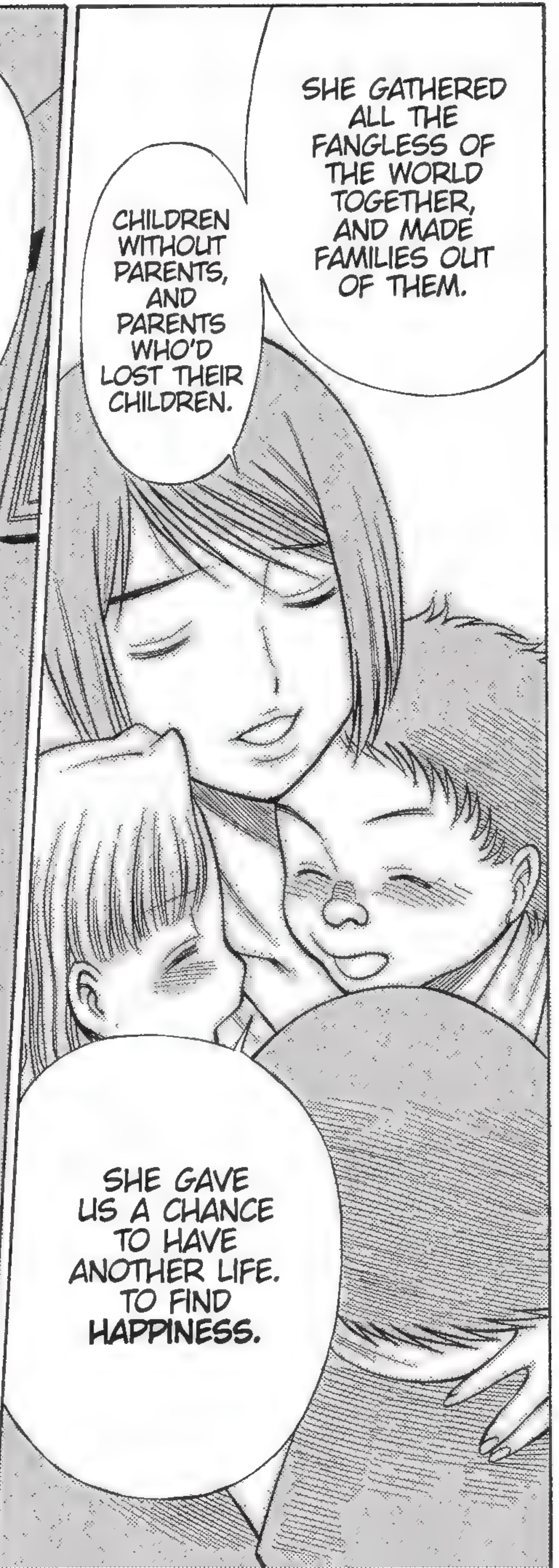
OKAY!

JIJI, I'M TRUSTING YOU WITH AKIRA-SAN.

M'KAY!



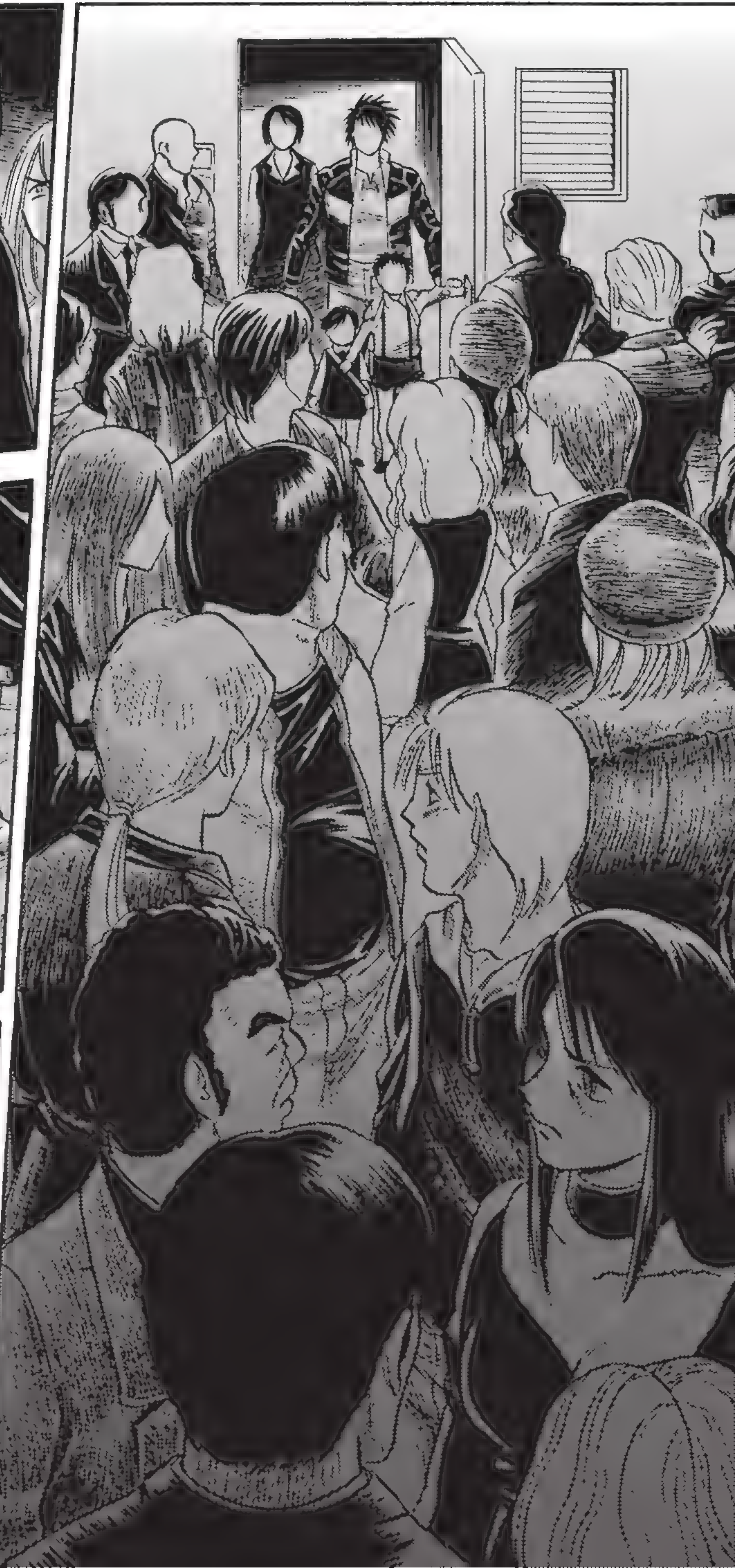
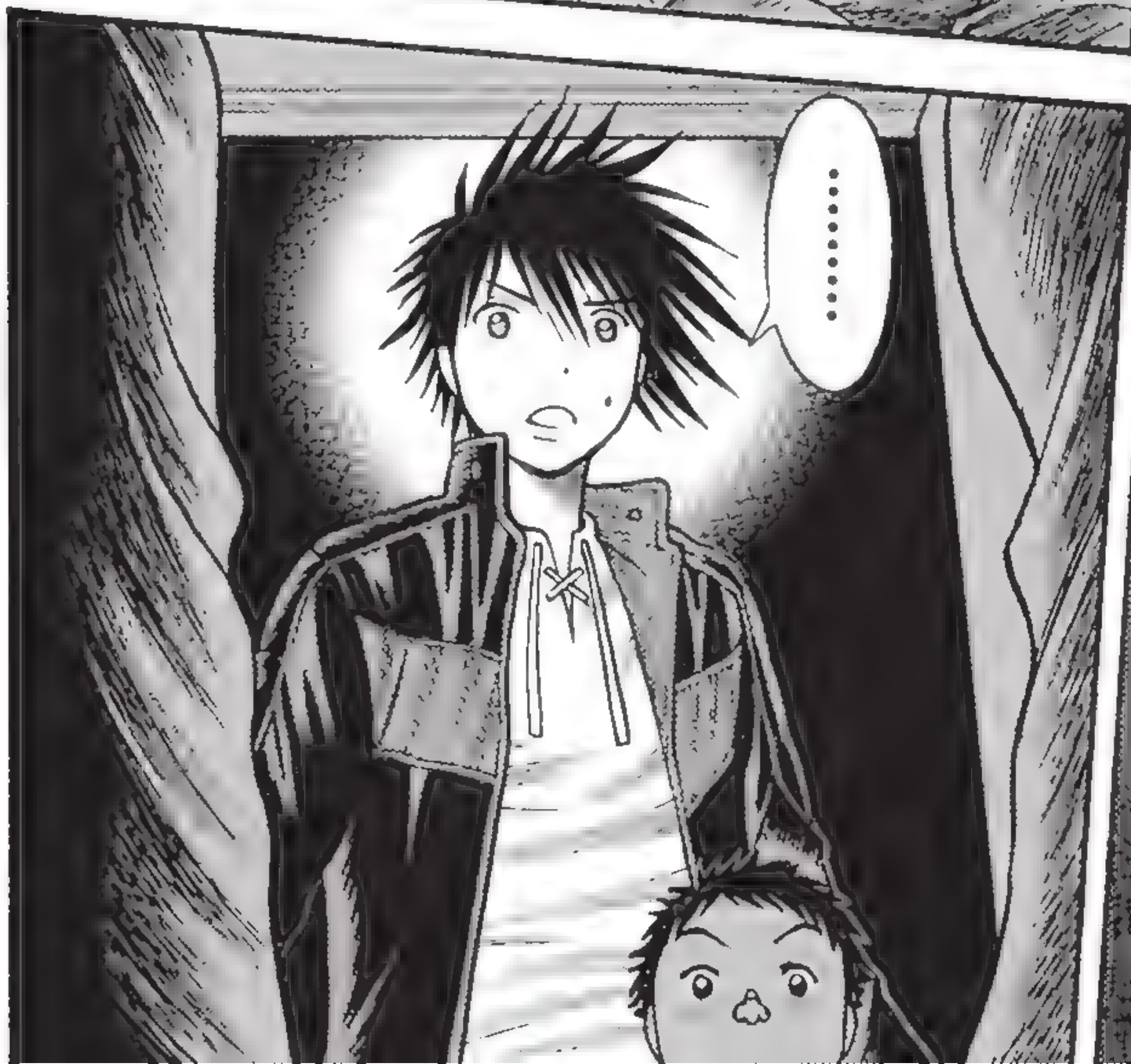
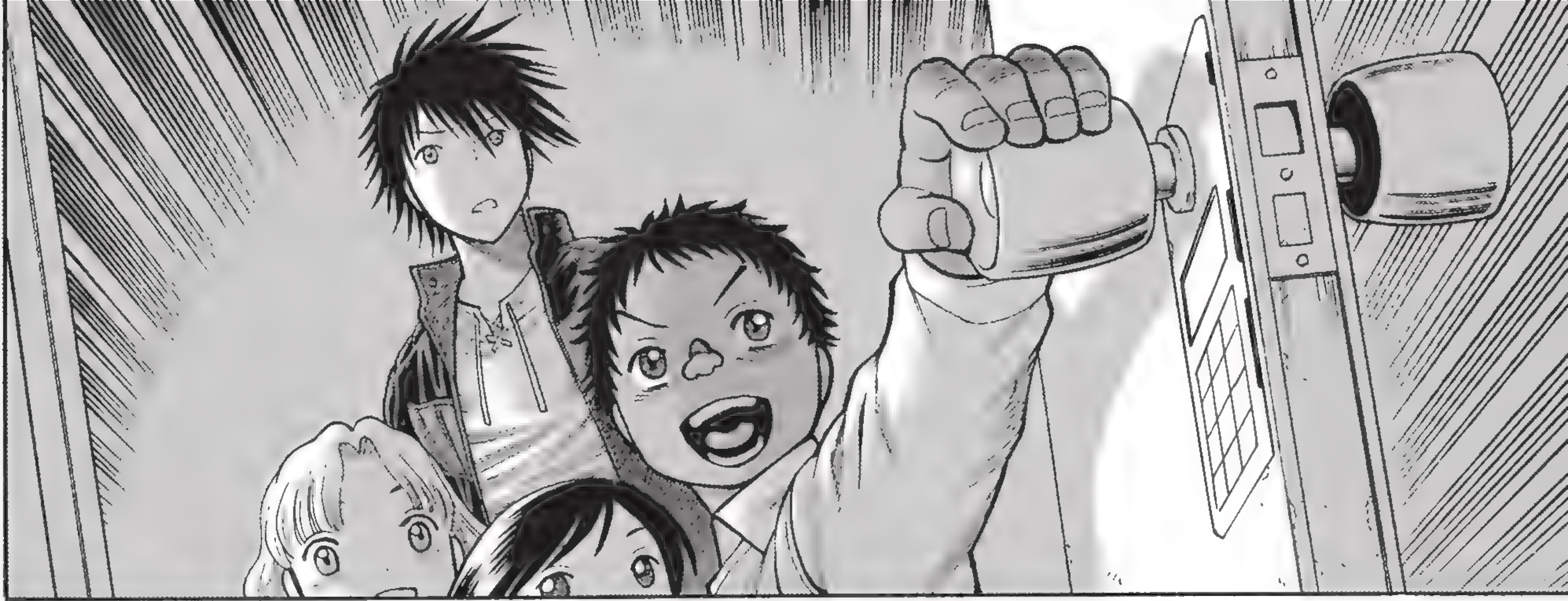
WE'RE ALL IN HER DEBT.

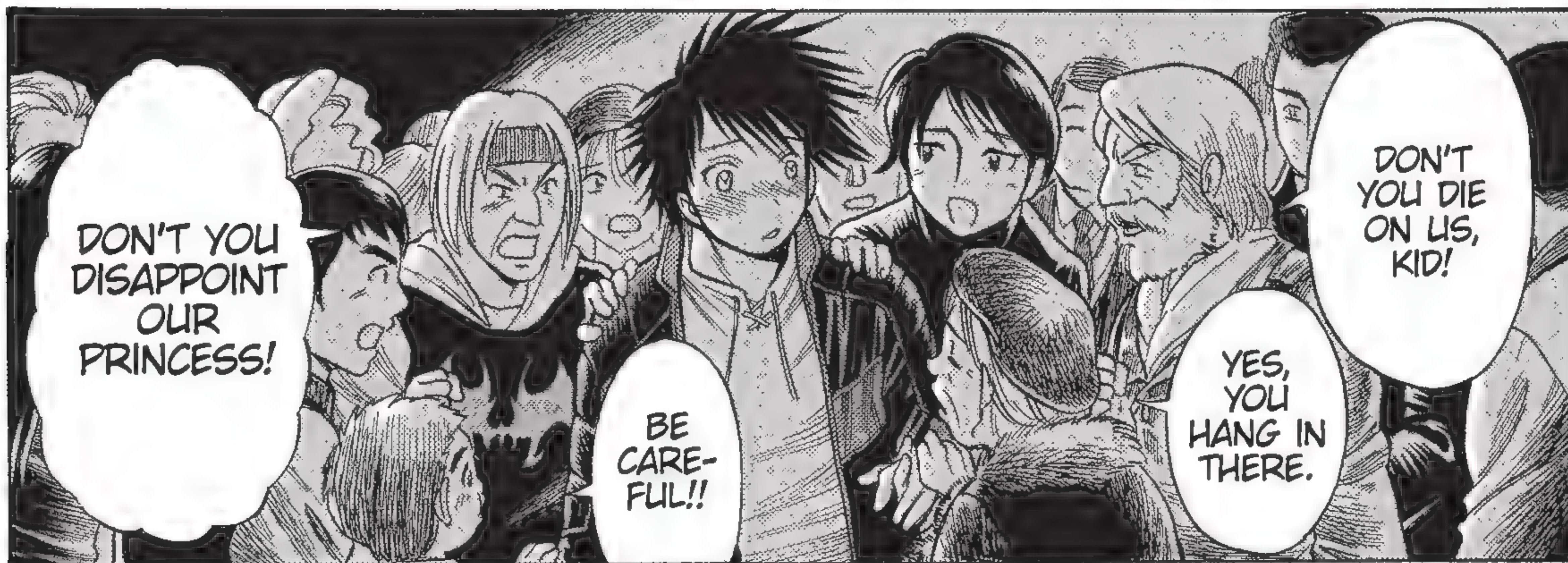
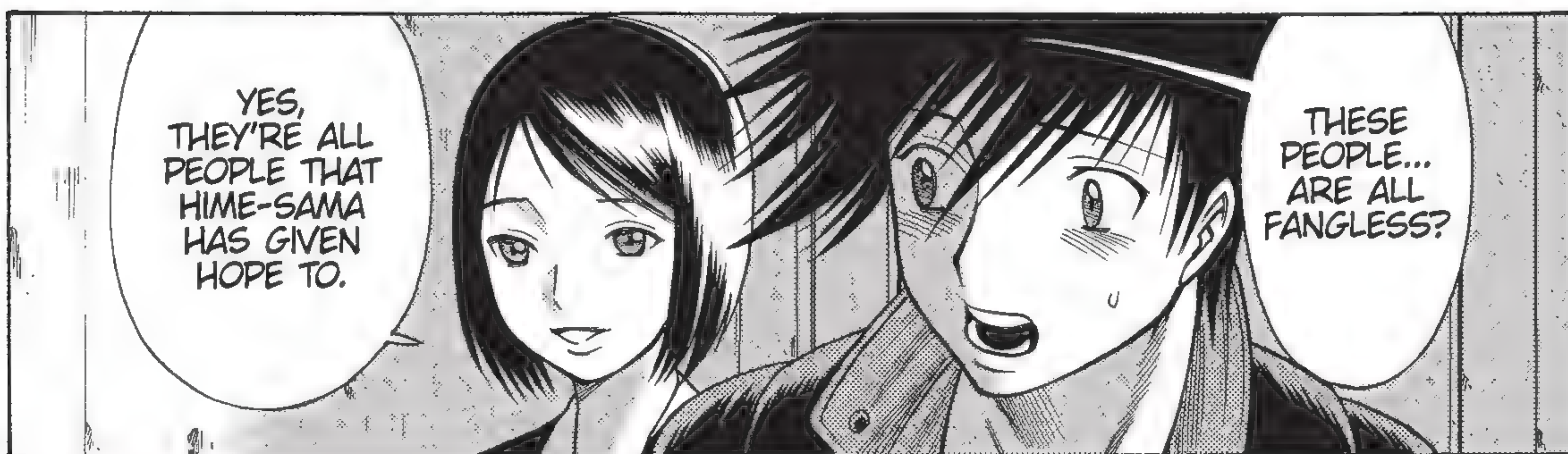
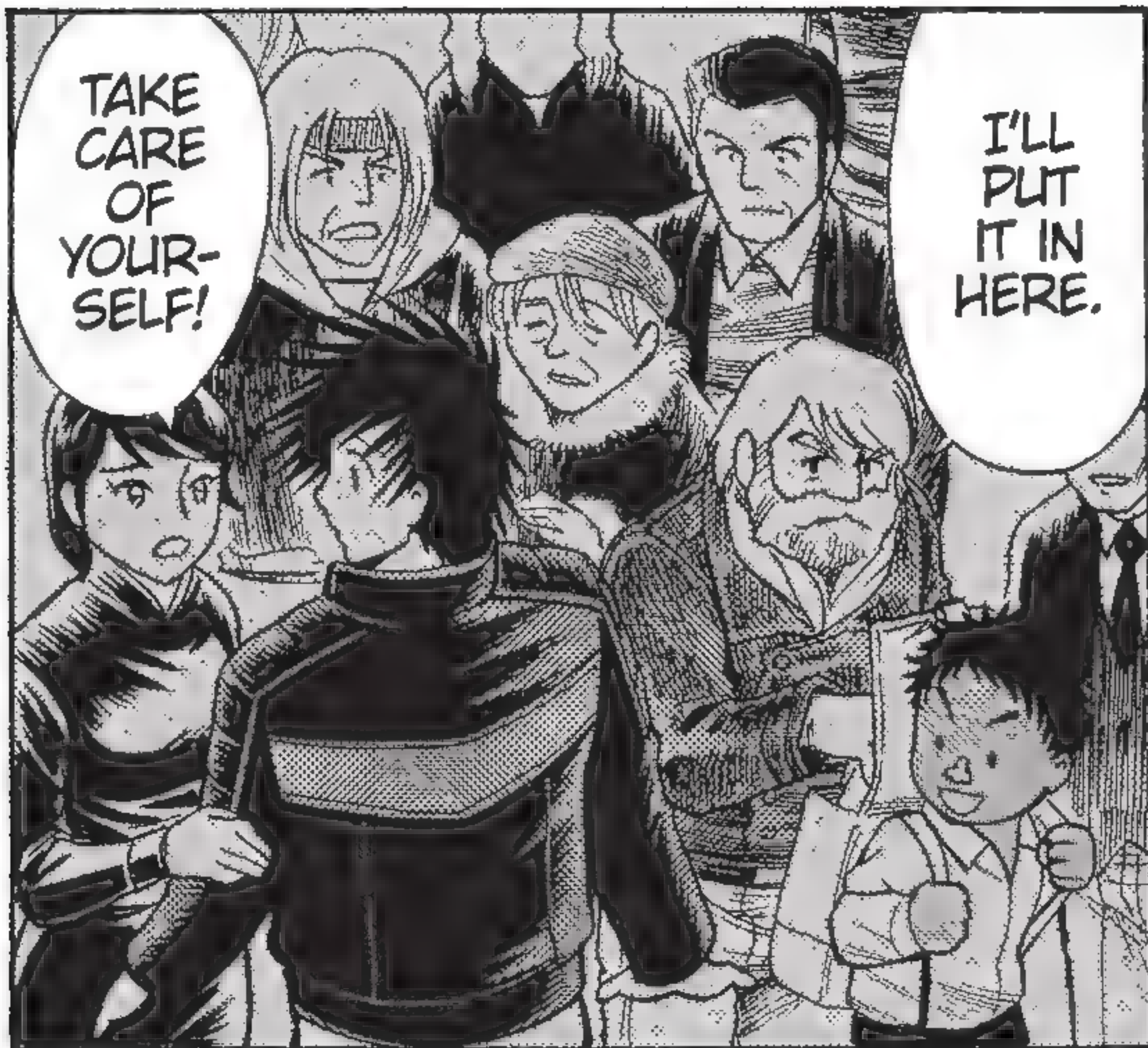


SHE GATHERED ALL THE FANGLSS OF THE WORLD TOGETHER, AND MADE FAMILIES OUT OF THEM.

CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTS, AND PARENTS WHO'D LOST THEIR CHILDREN.

SHE GAVE US A CHANCE TO HAVE ANOTHER LIFE. TO FIND HAPPINESS.







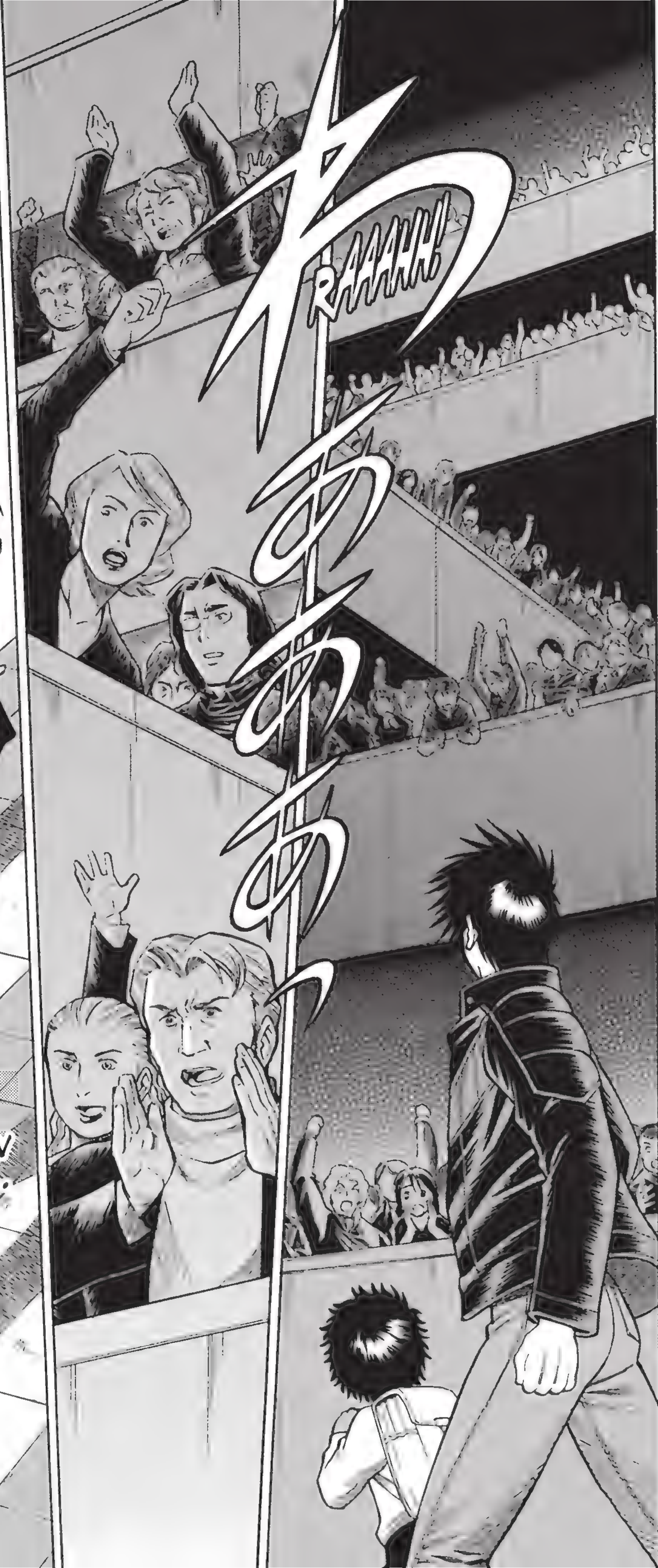
I
WILL!

I
WILL
MAKE
IT
BACK!!

BACK
TO
HIME-
SAN!!

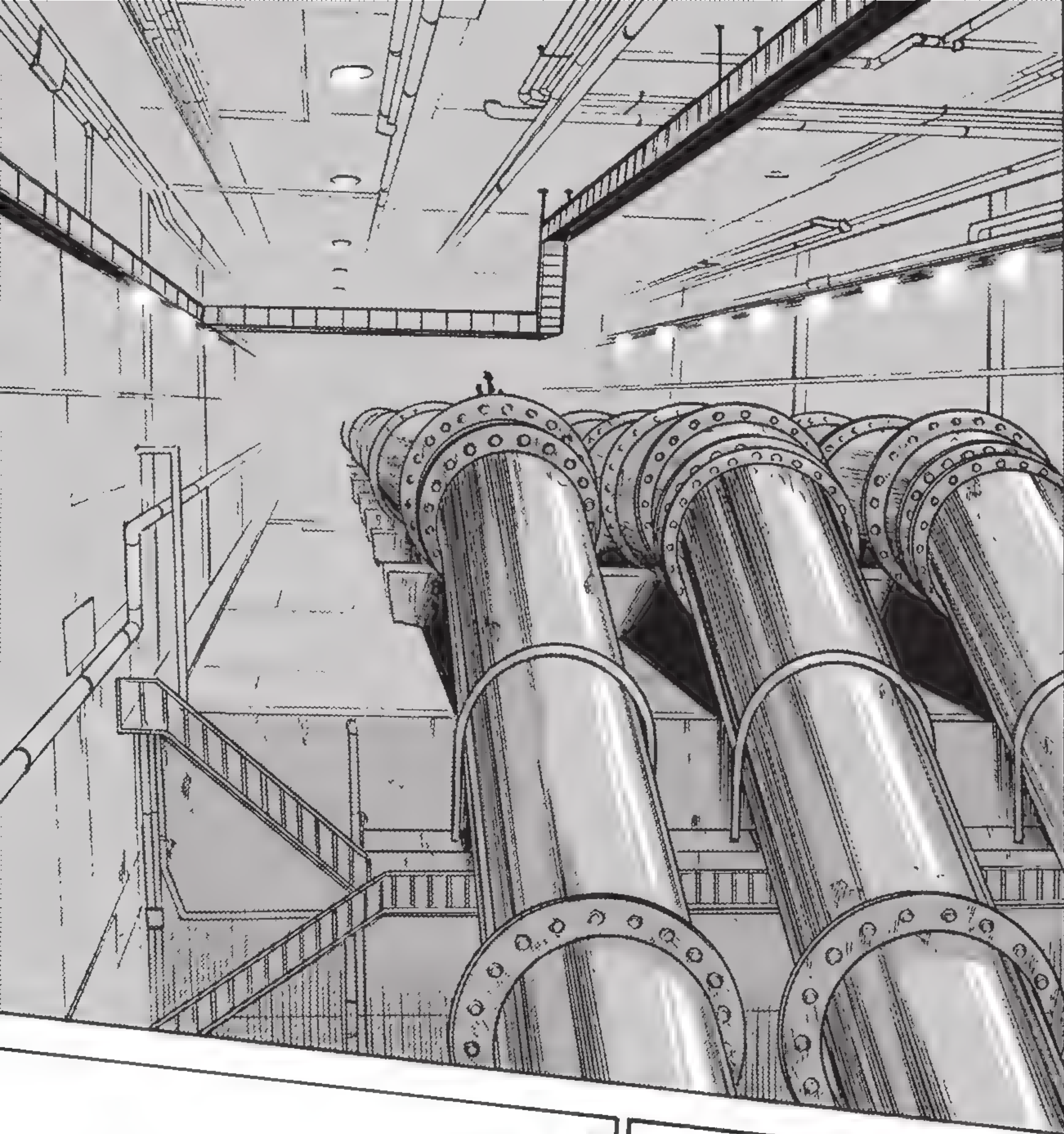
THIS...

THIS IS
WHAT
HIME-SAN
CREATED...



**THE
WORLD
SHE'S
TRYING
TO
PROTECT.**





HEE
HEE
HEE.

SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

I'M
STARTING
TO GET
WHAT
YOU KIDS
WERE
UP TO.



ONII-
CHAN,
OVER
HERE!
HELP
ME
OUT!

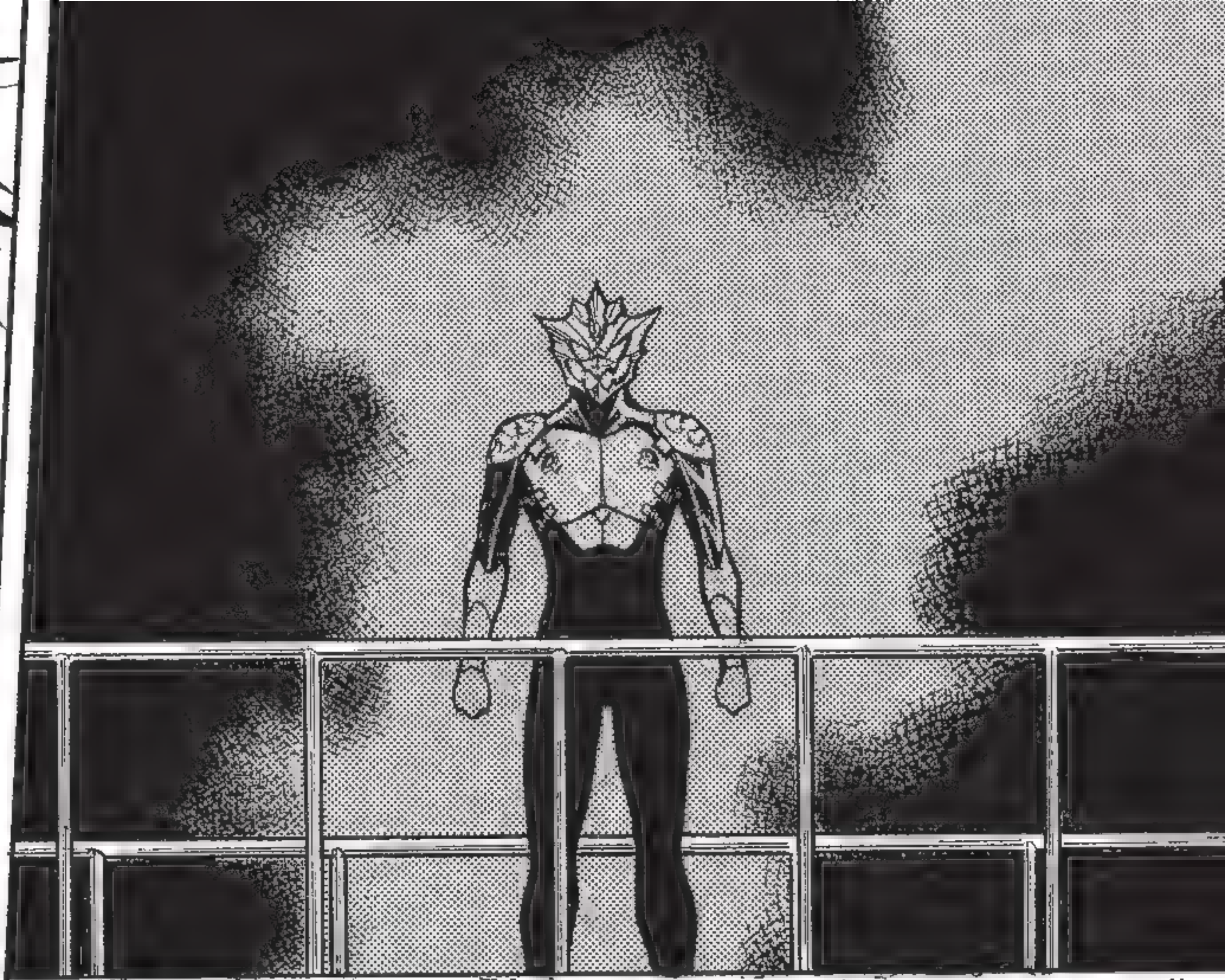
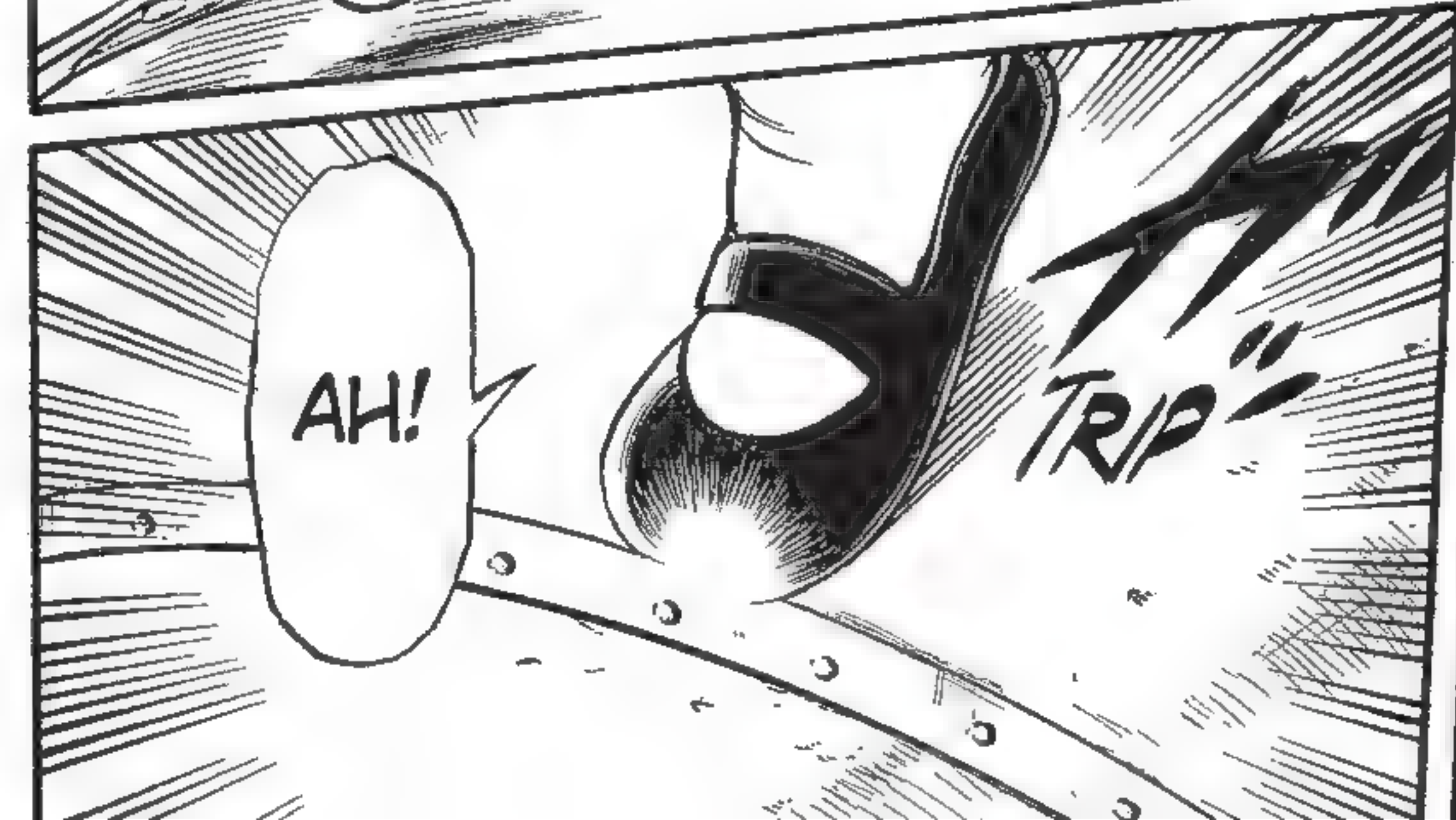


ONII-
CHAN!!

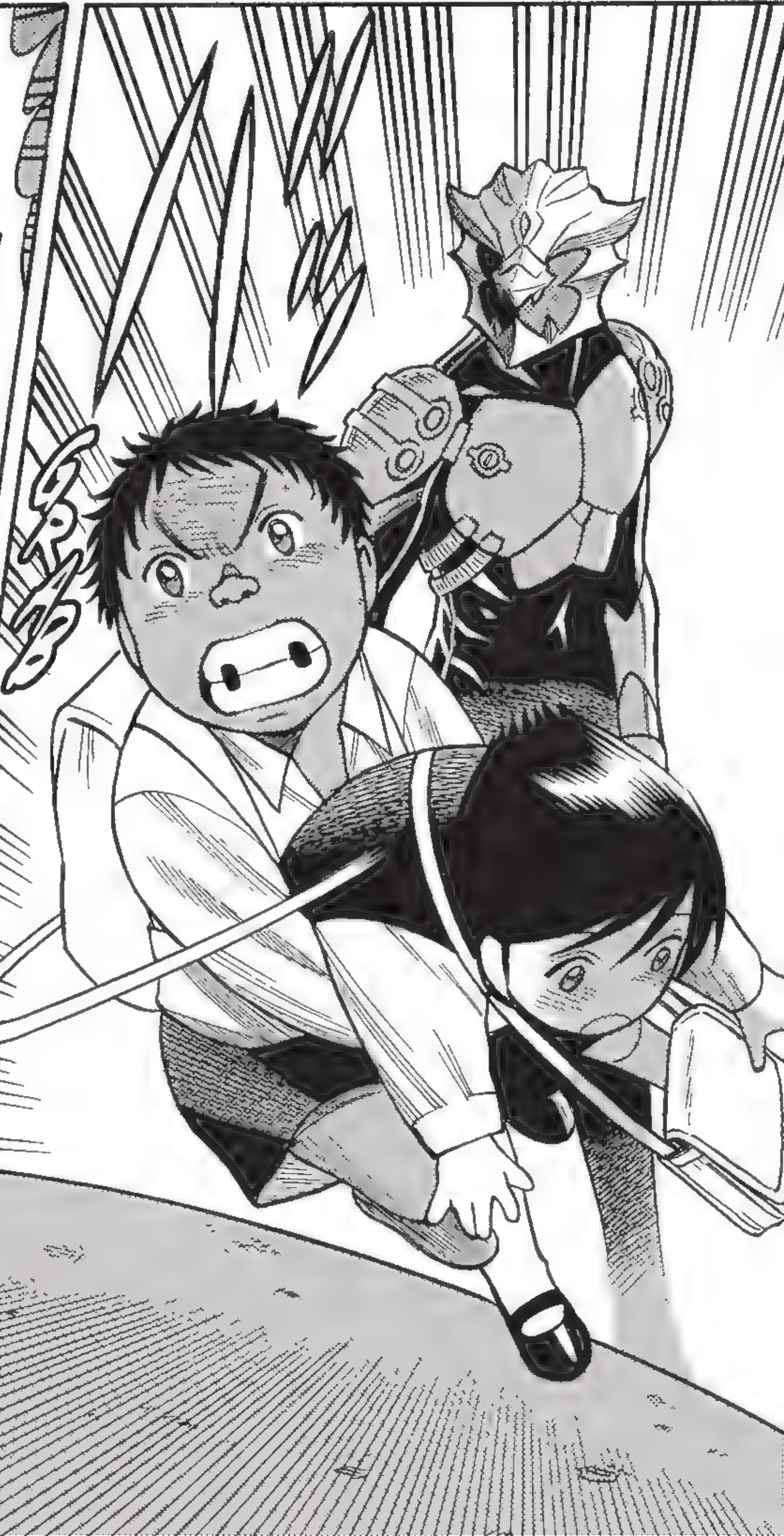
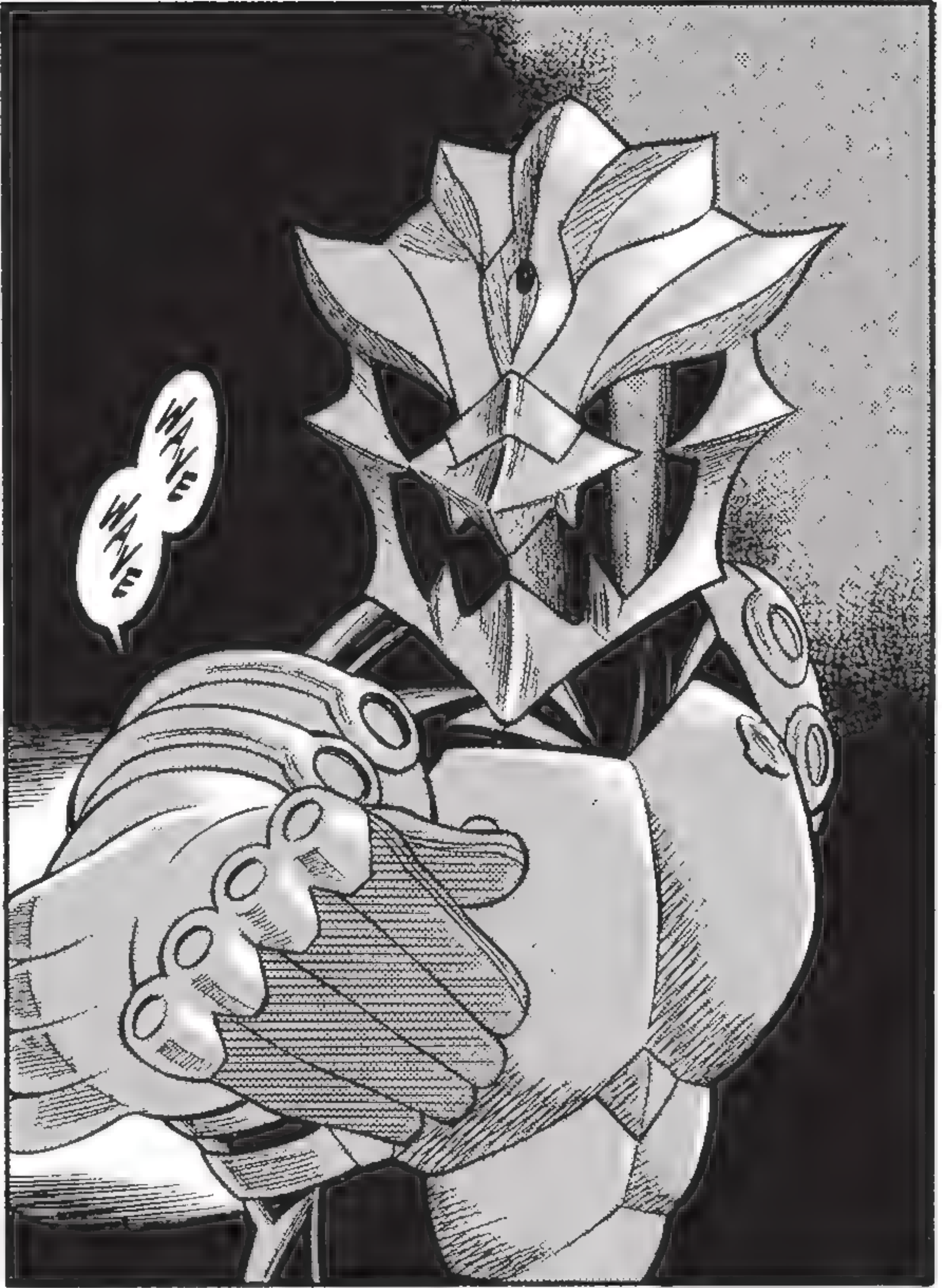
THIS...



IS MY
WORLD
AS
WELL!!







BWASHHHHHH

BRRR

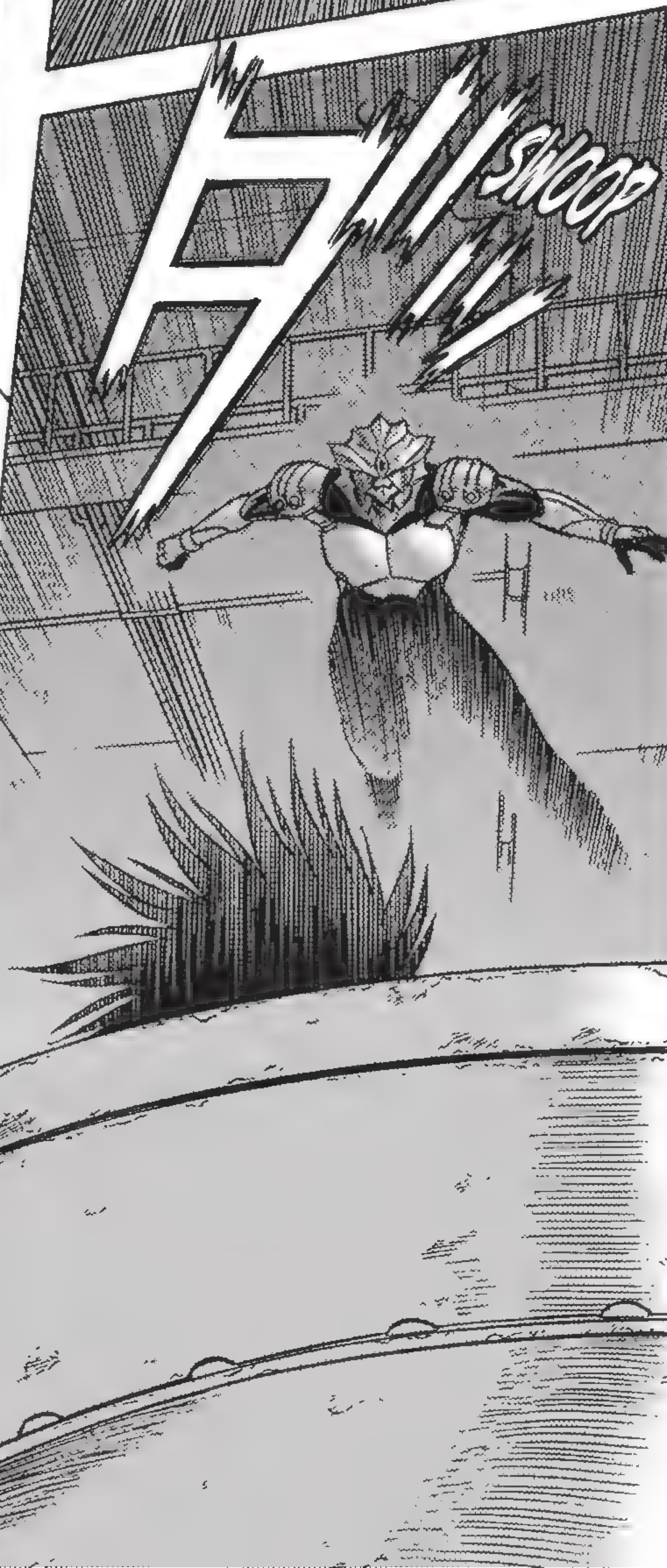
BRRR

BRRR

BRRR

BRRR

!!





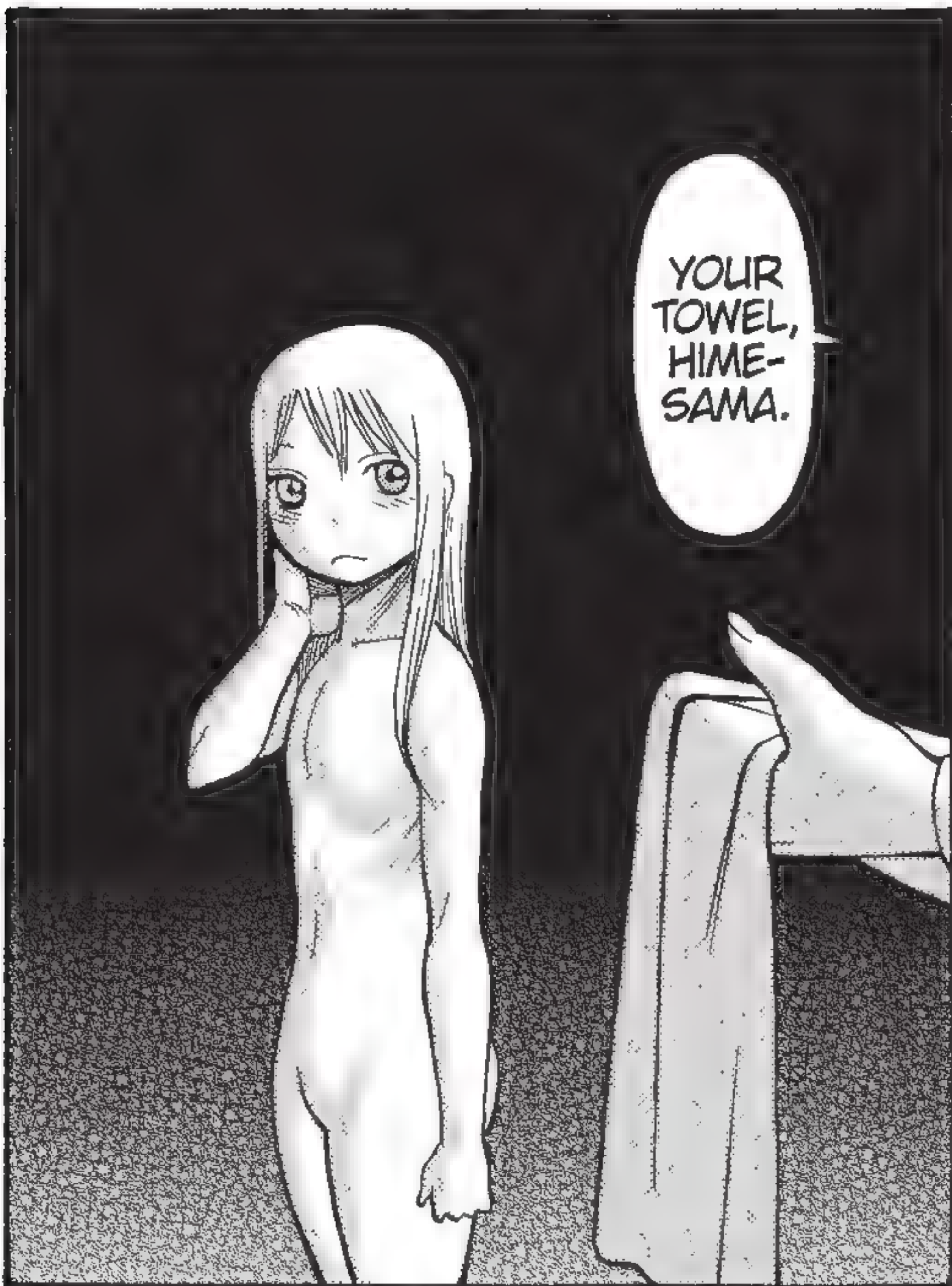
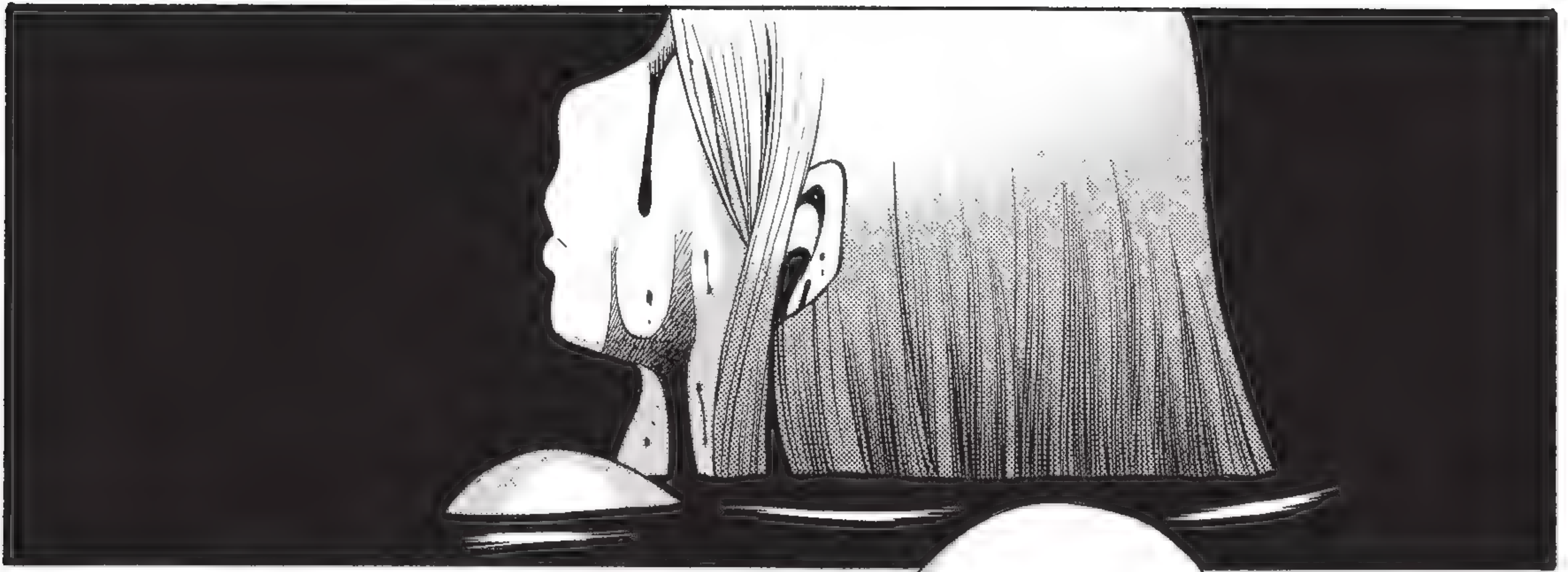
BROOOOAAARRRRSSSHH

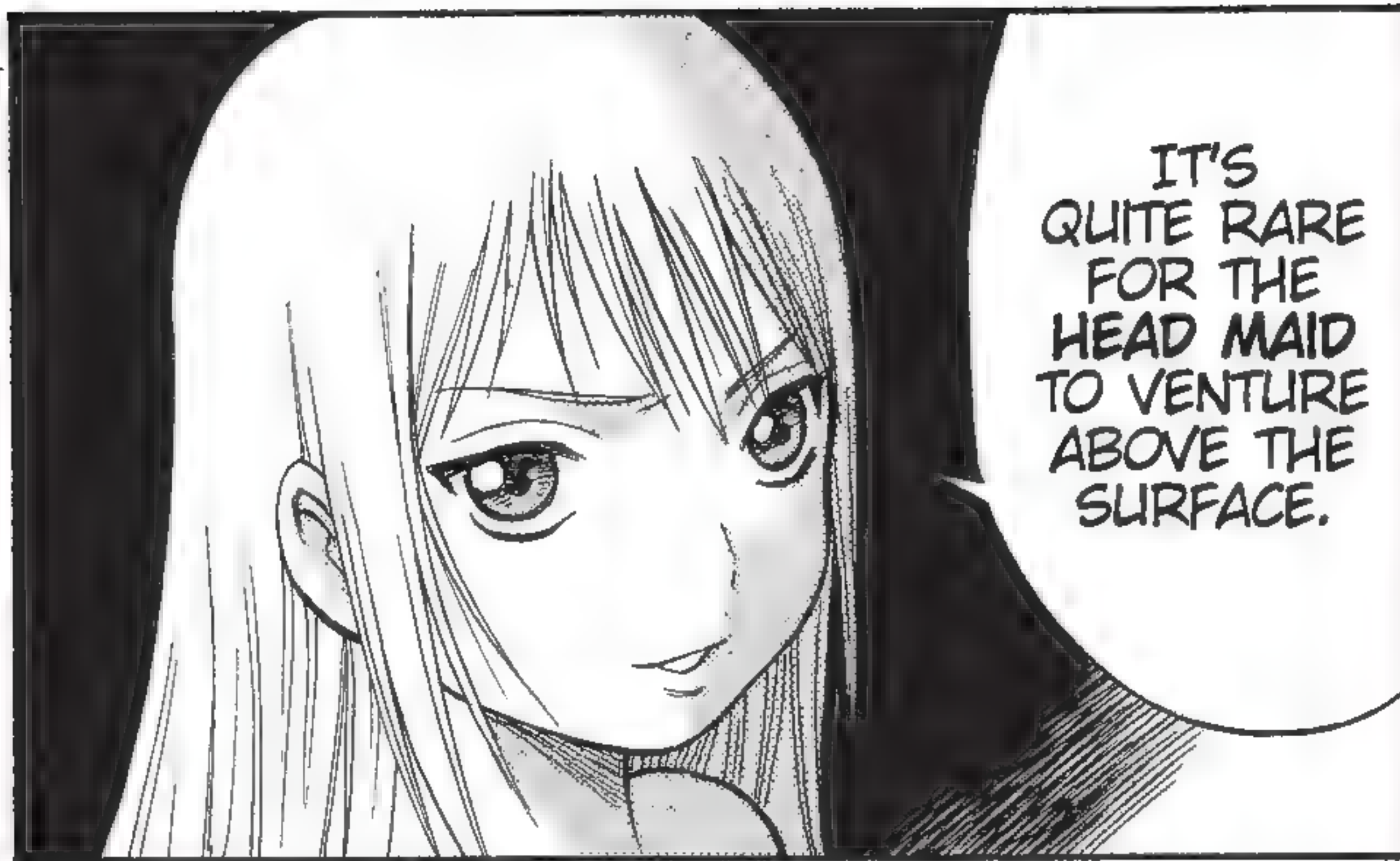
YOU
KIDS
ARE
NUTS
!!!

Chapter 29: A Single Frozen Way







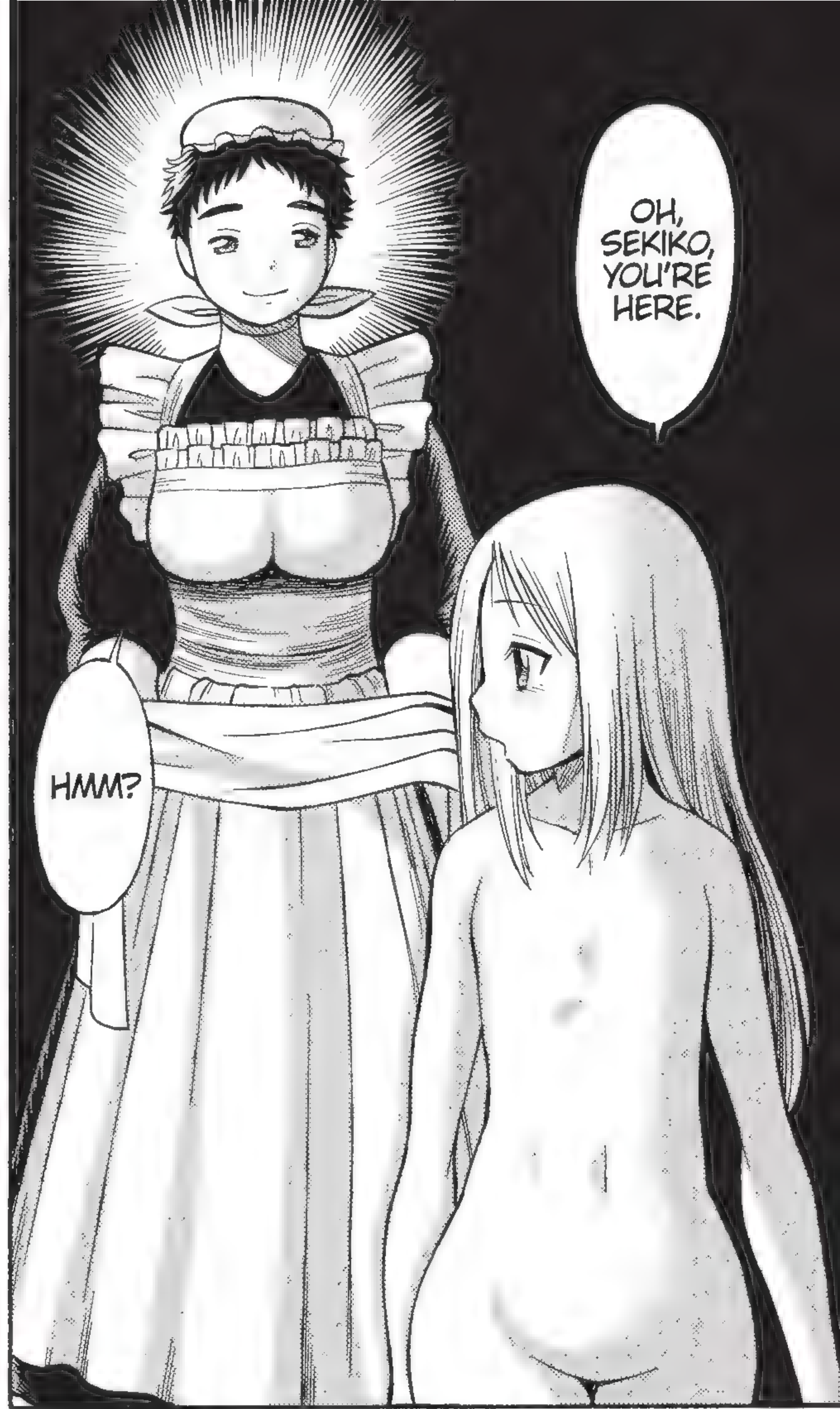


IT'S
QUITE RARE
FOR THE
HEAD MAID
TO VENTURE
ABOVE THE
SURFACE.



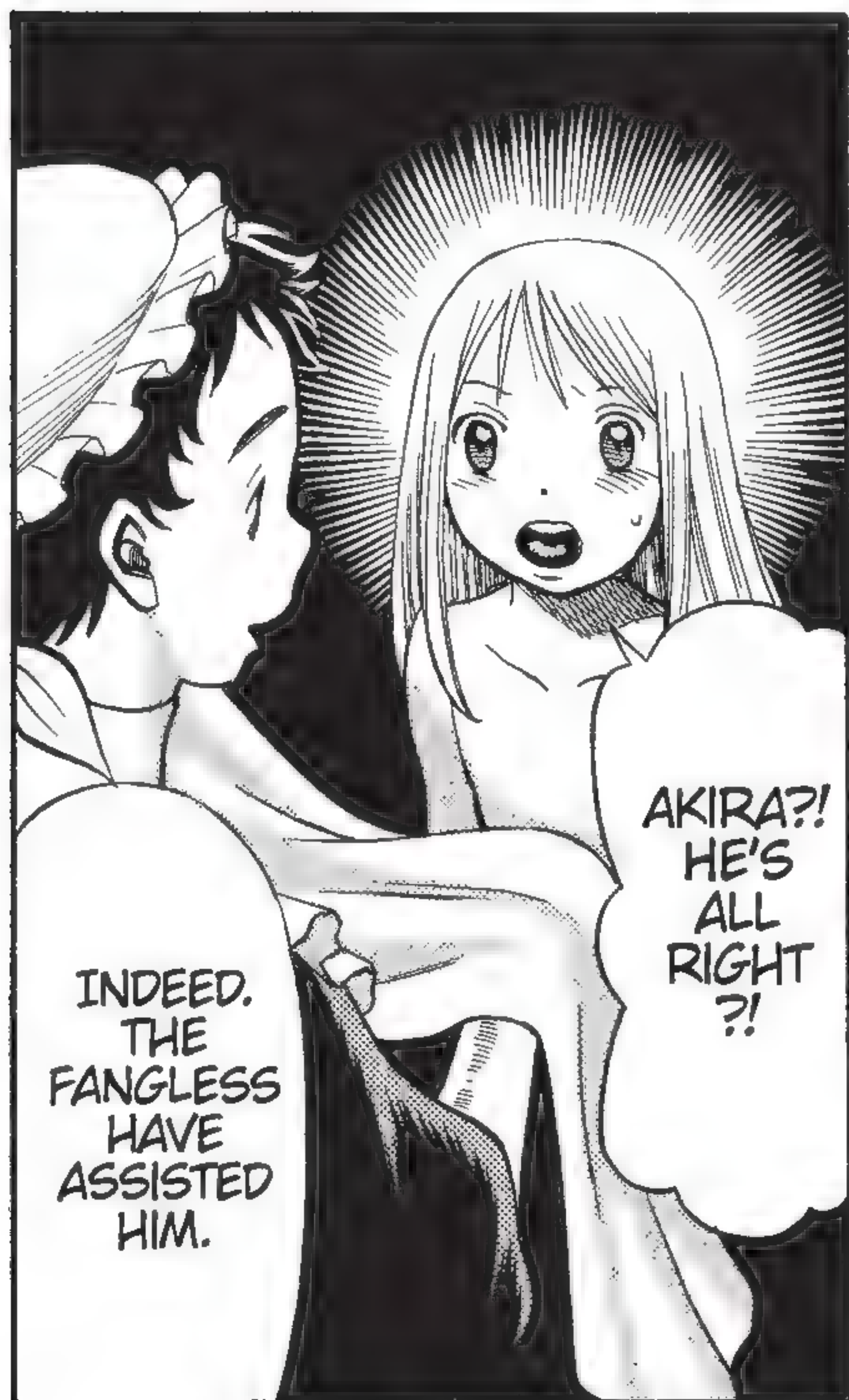
YES, THE
GIRLS
ARE ALL
PRACTI-
CALLY
BESIDE
THEM-
SELVES.

BUT IT'LL
TAKE MORE
THAN A
KERFUZZLE
LIKE THIS
TO DETER
ME FROM
MY DUTY.



OH,
SEKIKO,
YOU'RE
HERE.

HMM?



INDEED.
THE
FANGLESS
HAVE
ASSISTED
HIM.

AKIRA?!
HE'S
ALL
RIGHT
?!



I ALSO
HAVE
GOOD
NEWS
FROM THE
UNDER-
GROUND.

THE BOY
IS HEADED
TO THE
LOWEST
LEVEL.



SO,
A VISIT
FROM THE
THREE
FAMILIES IS
NOTHING
BUT A
"KERFUZZLE"
TO YOU...

I CAN
ALWAYS
COUNT
ON YOU,
SEKIKO.



OH,
THREE
HOURS,
I'D
SAY.

HOW
MUCH
LONGER
UNTIL
SUNRISE?



THE
FANGLESS
...



I'VE
FAILED
AS A
RULER,
SEKIKO.

MY PEOPLE
LAY DOWN
THEIR LIVES
TO PROTECT
WHAT IS
PRECIOUS
TO ME...



ISN'T
IT GRAND,
HIME-SAMA?
THE SEEDS
YOU
PLANTED ARE
PROTECTING
THE BOY
YOU LOVE.



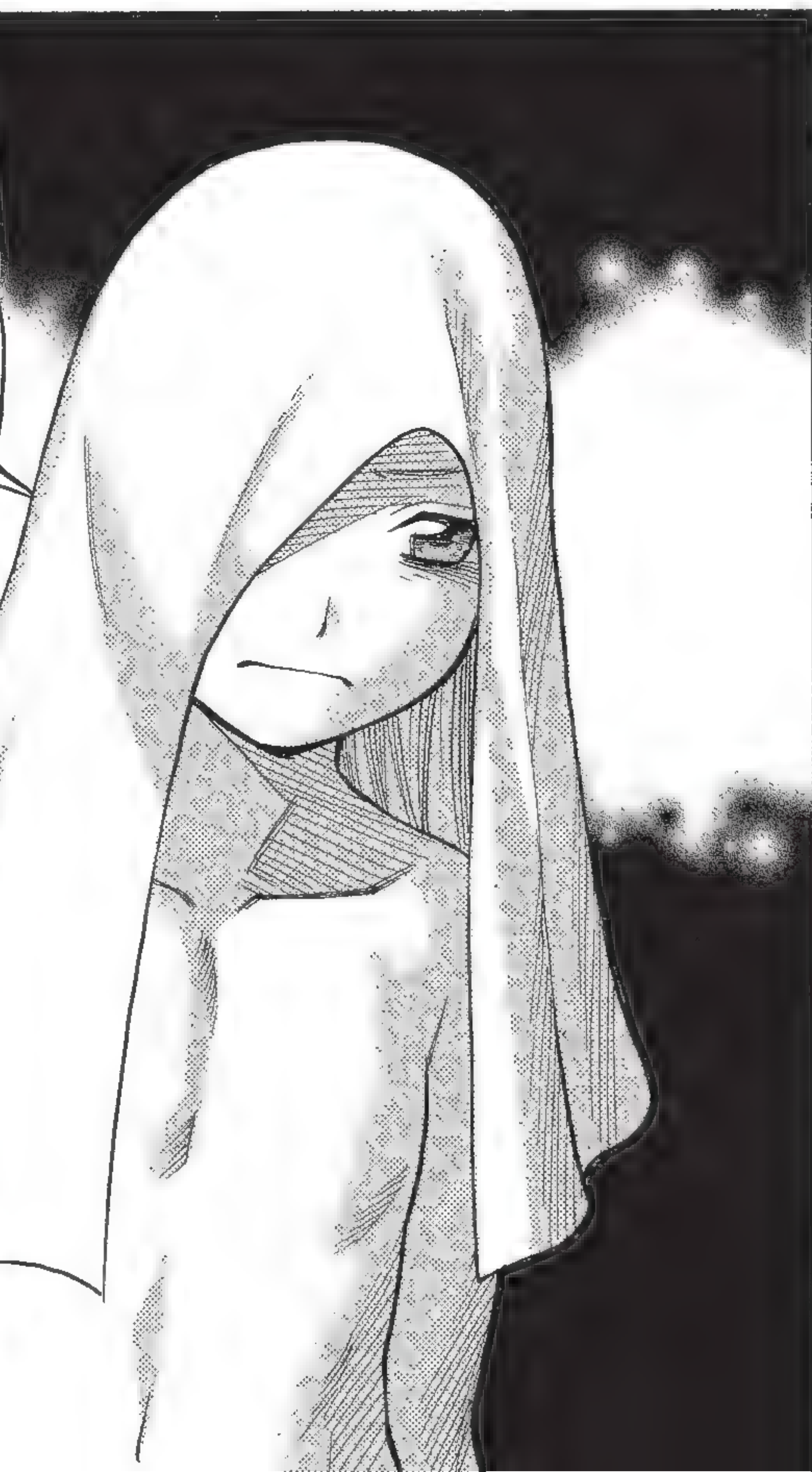
E E K!

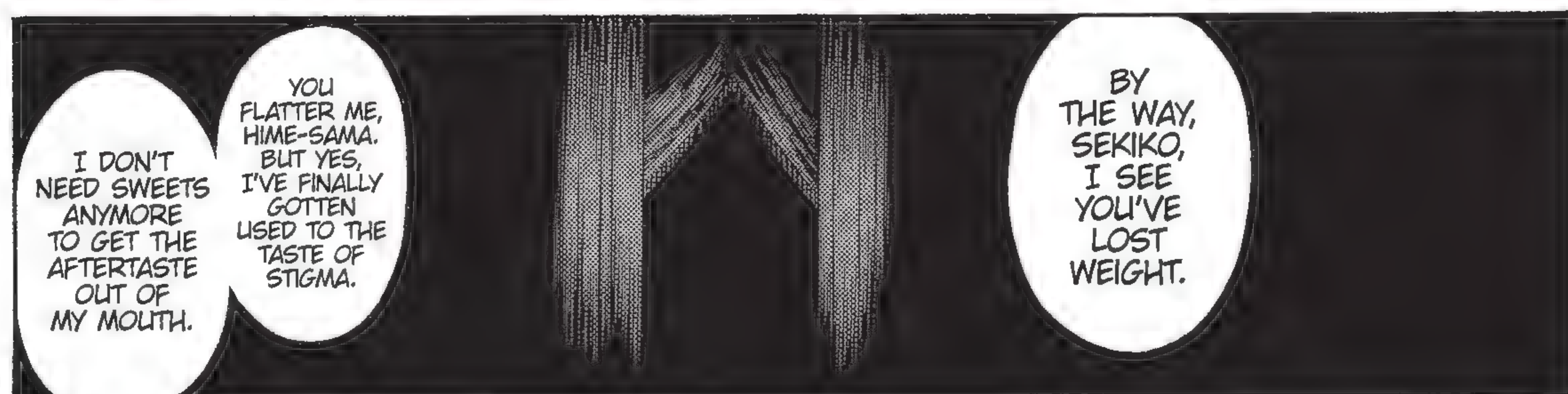
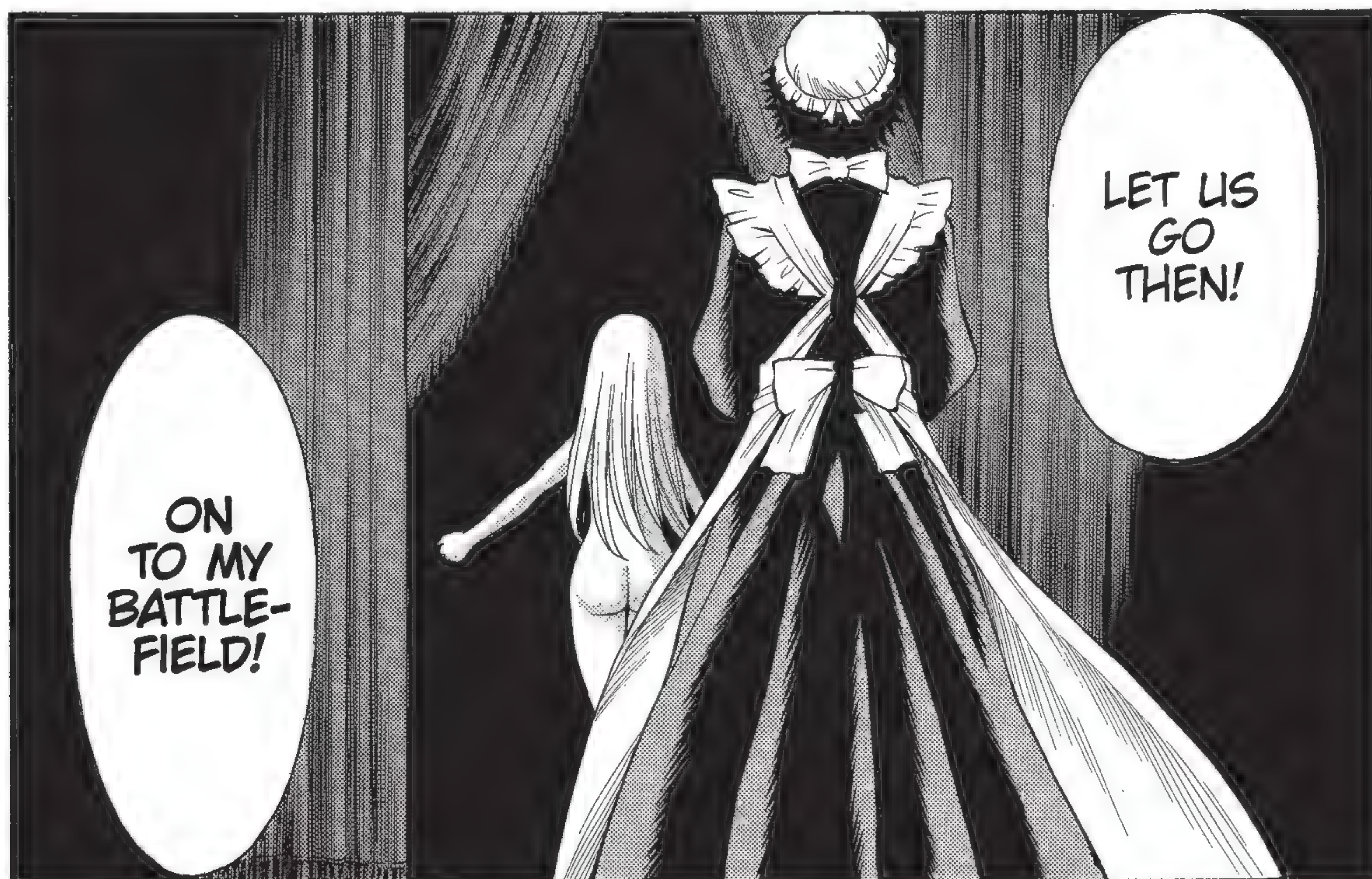
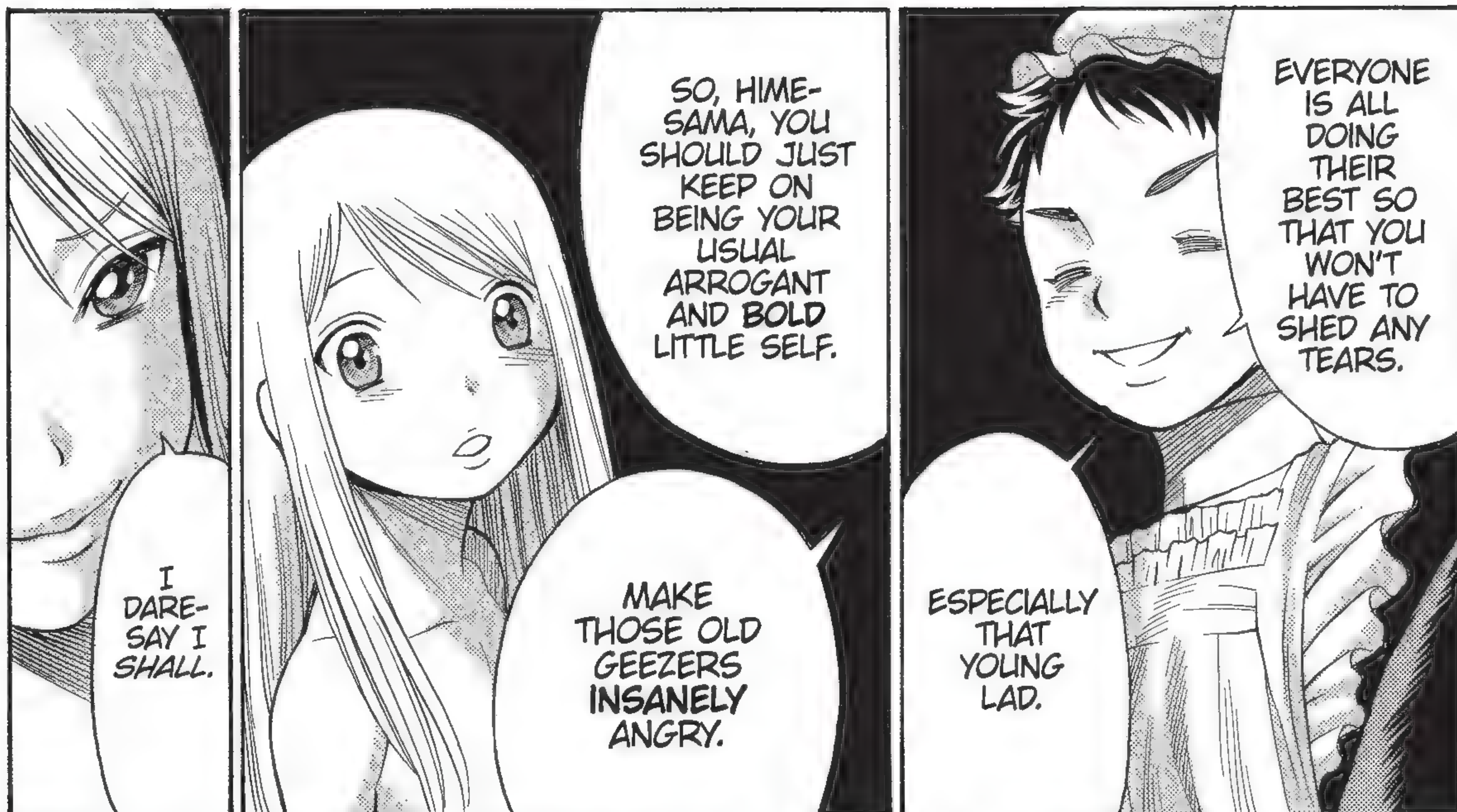
NOW,
NOW.

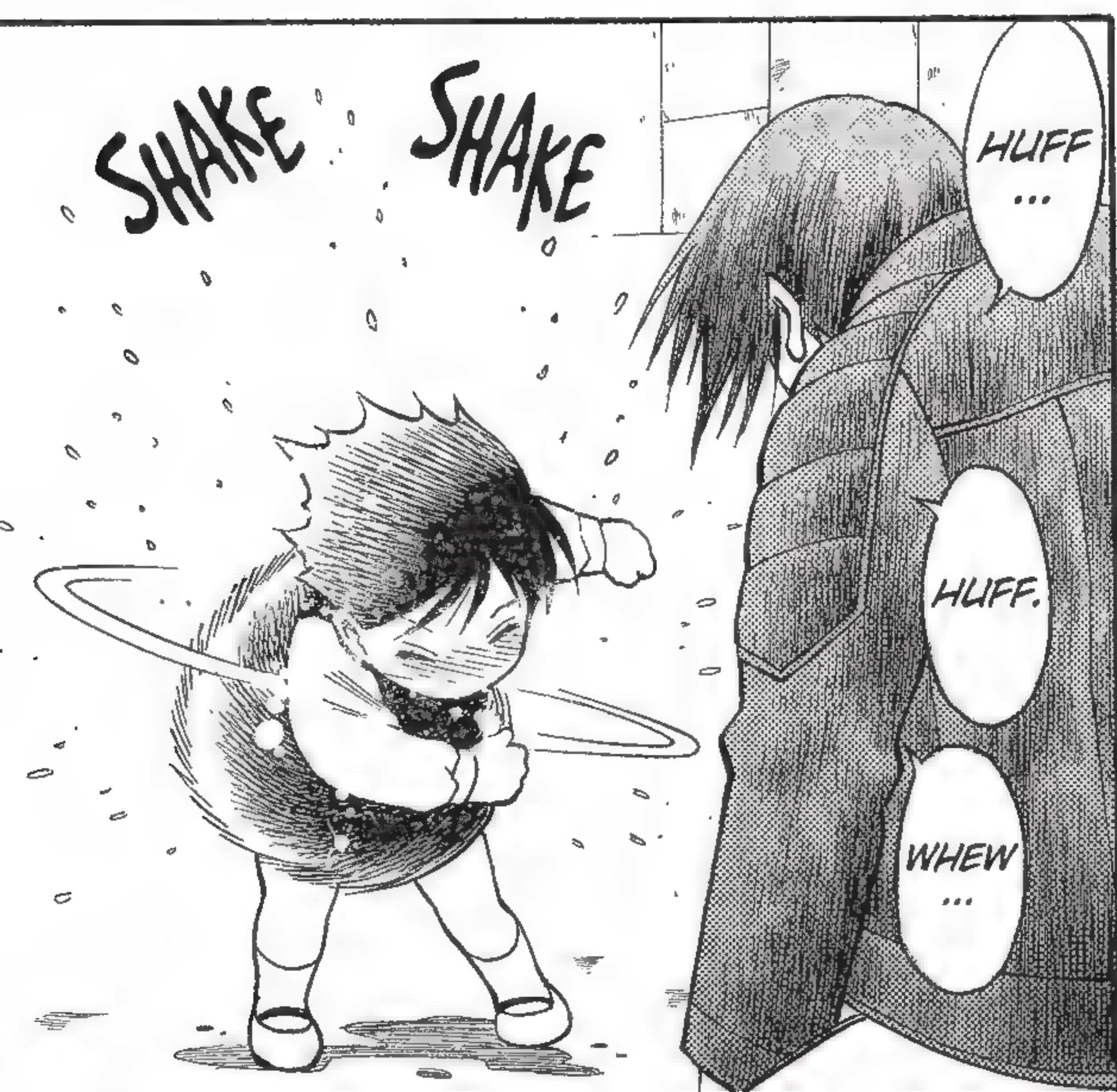
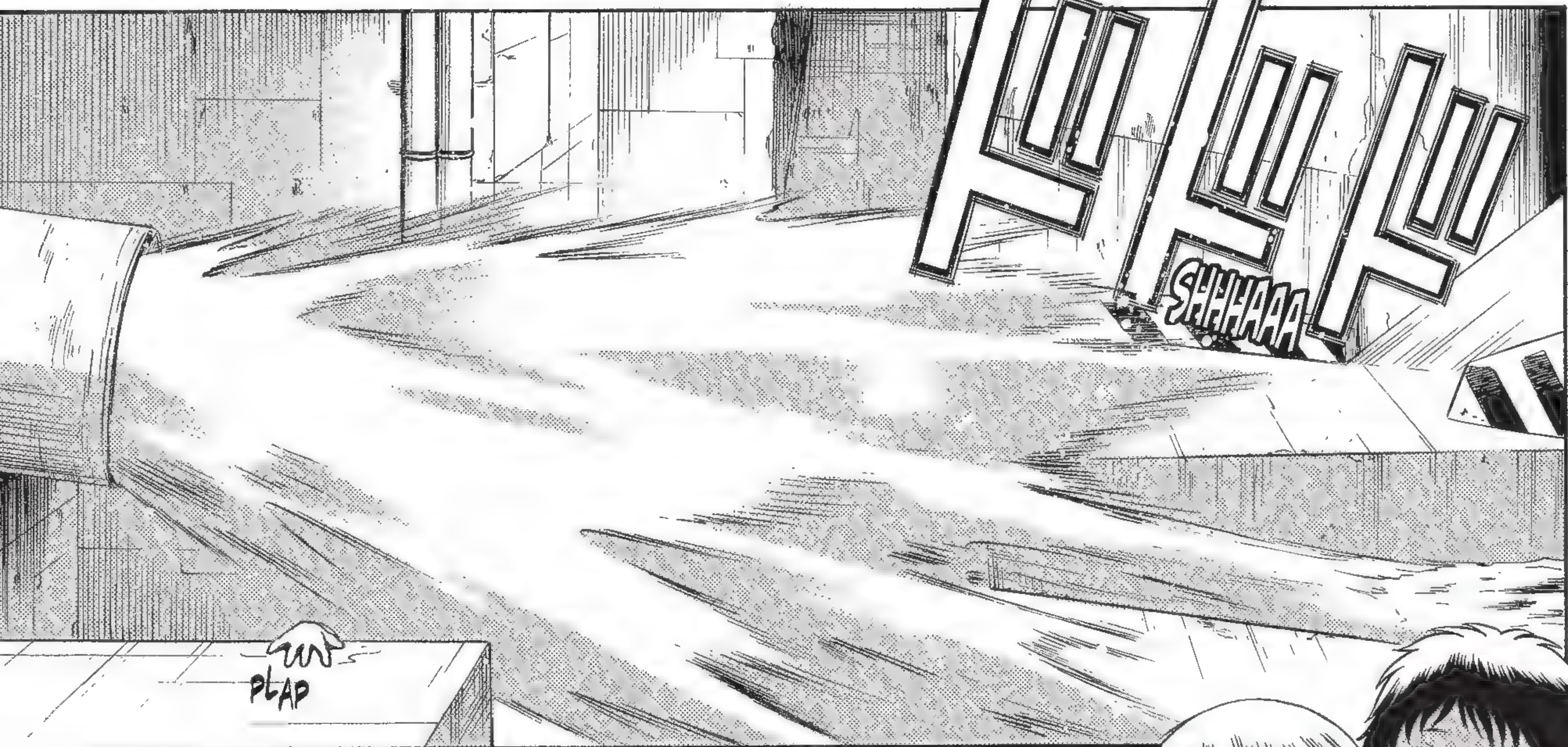
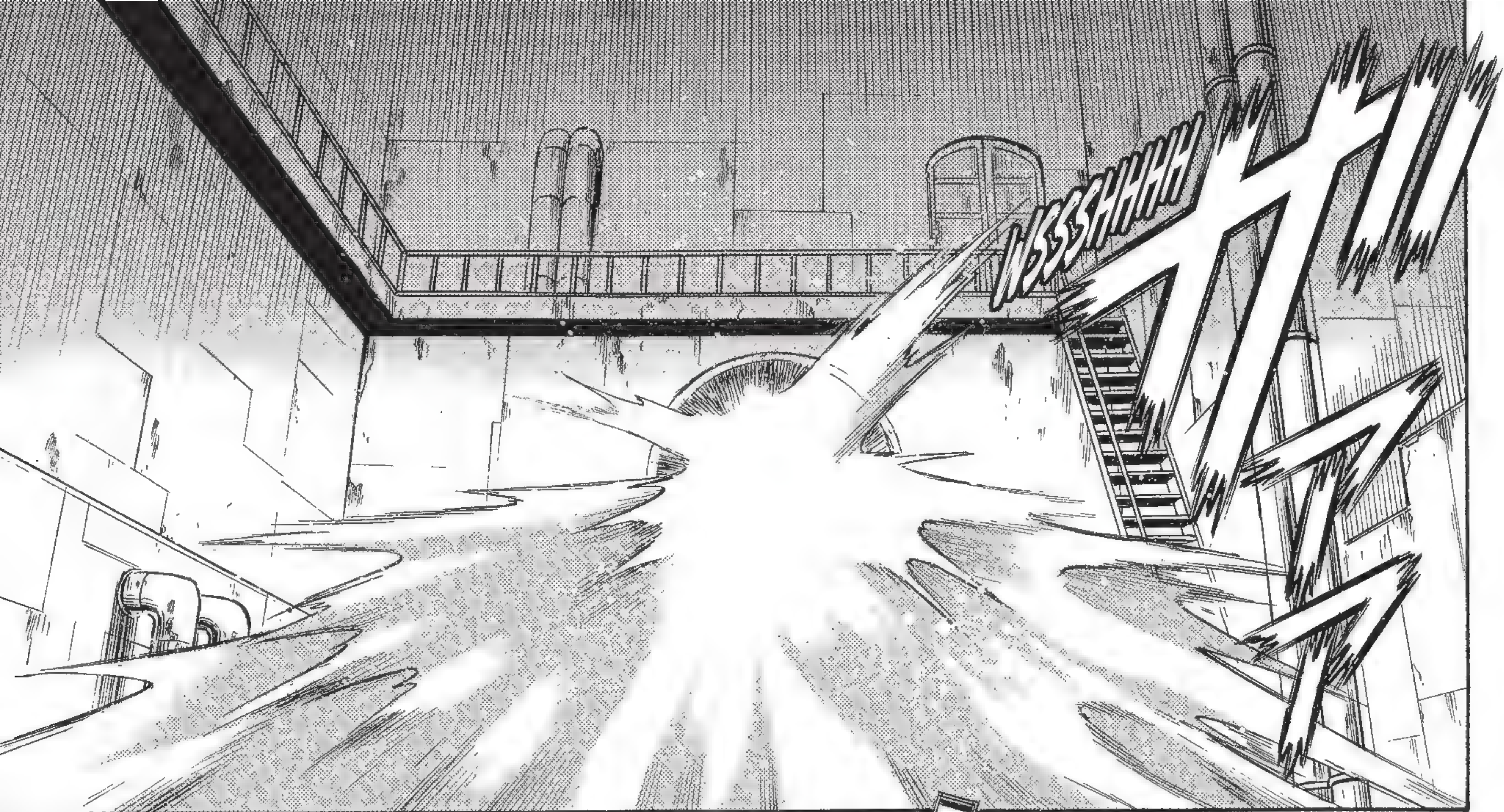
NO
NEED
FOR
TEARS.



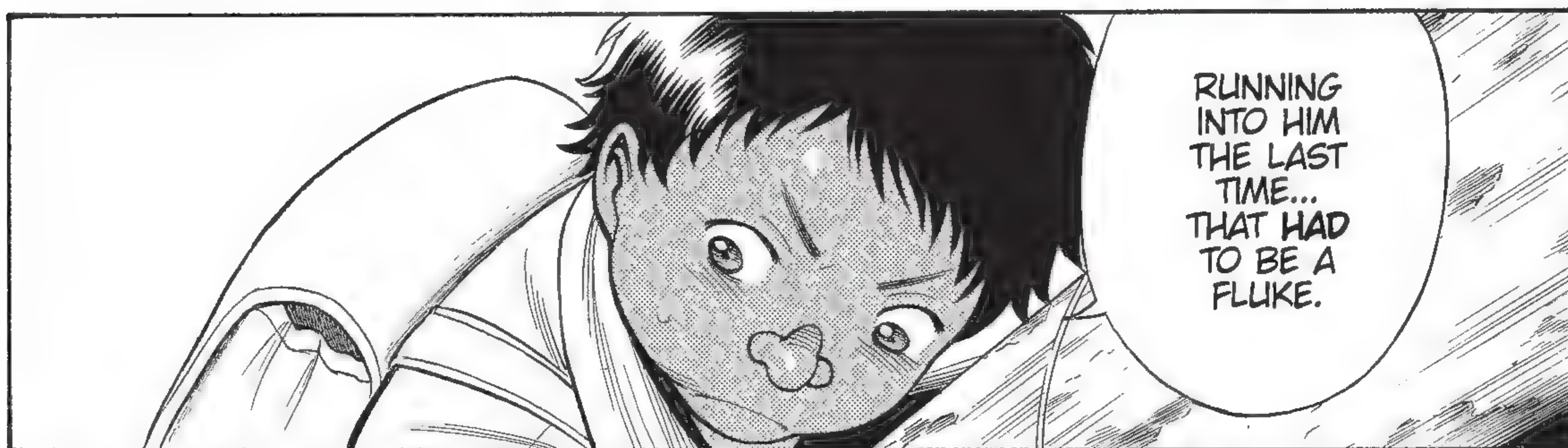
AND ALL
I CAN
DO IS
SIT BY
AND
WAIT.













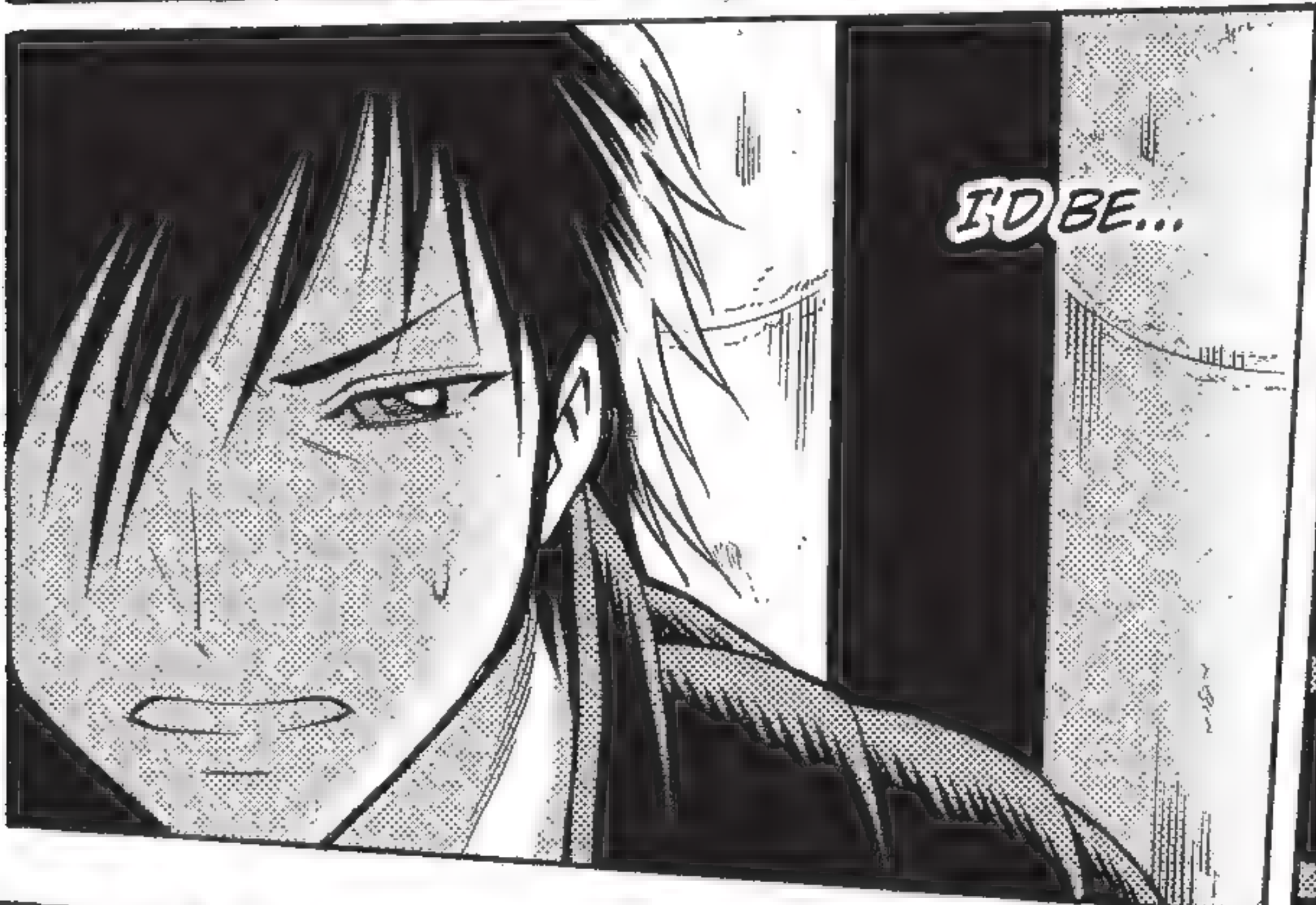
IF I GET
ATTACKED
WHILE MY
BODY'S
HAVING
ONE OF
ITS FITS...

AT LEAST
THEY'RE NOT
FULL ON
SEIZURES,
BUT THESE
BURSTS OF
PAIN...



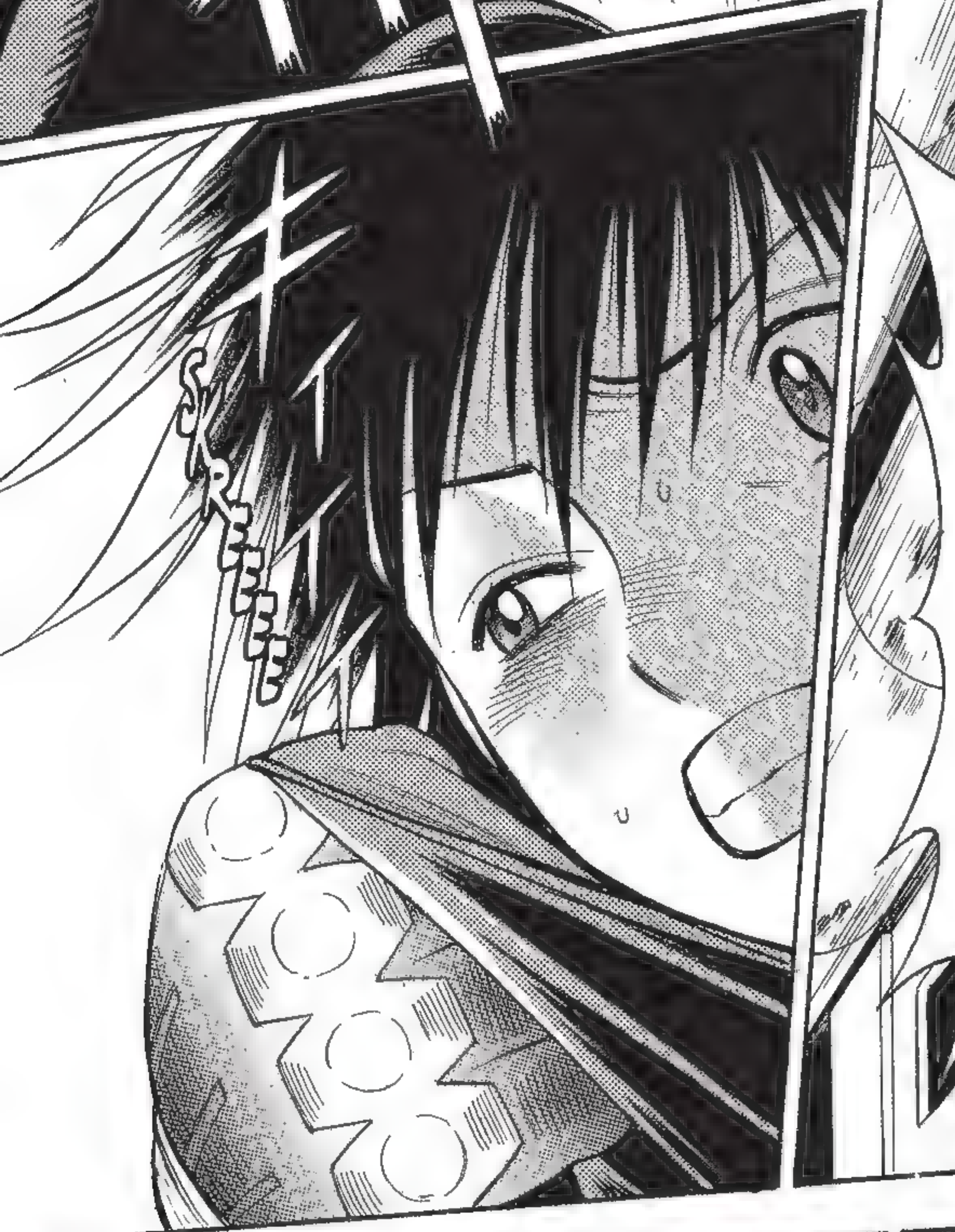
DID I TAKE
TOO MUCH
OF THAT
CELLULAR
REGENER-
ATION
SERUM
BORGIANI
GAVE ME?

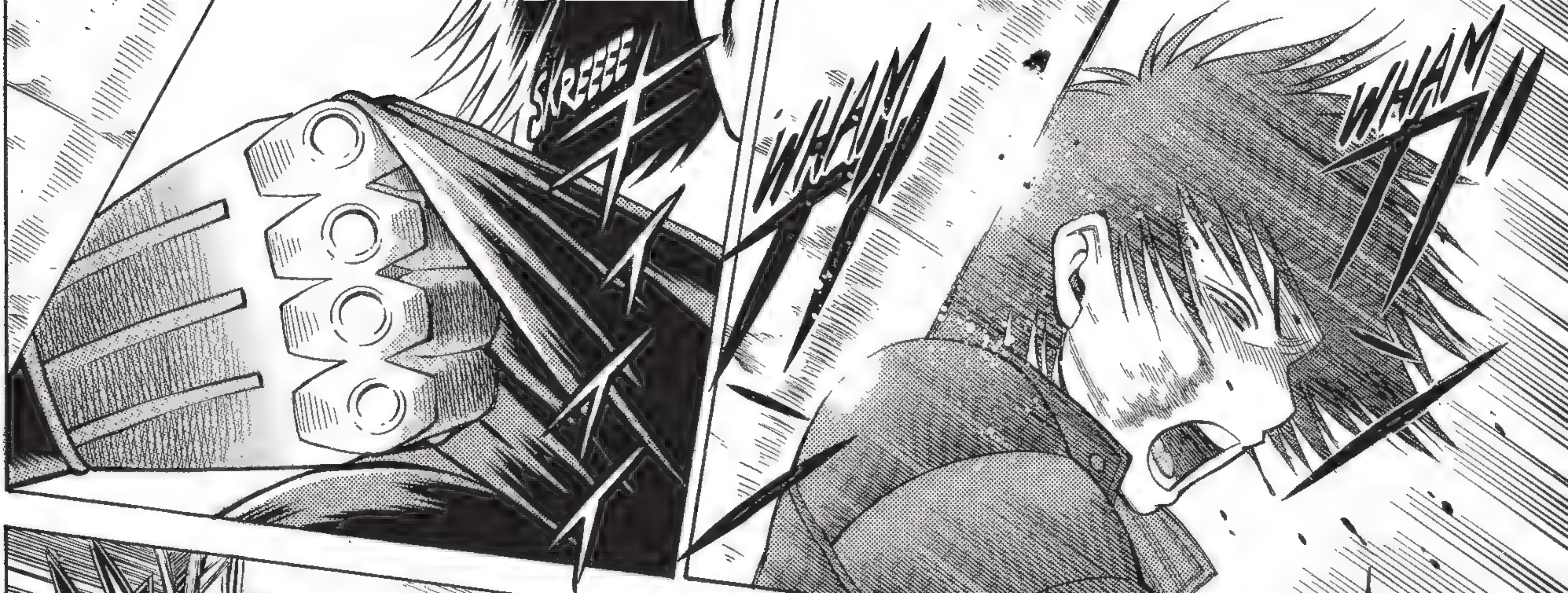
I'M
HEALING,
BUT MY
BODY
KEEPS
GOING
INTO
SPASMS.



I'D BE...

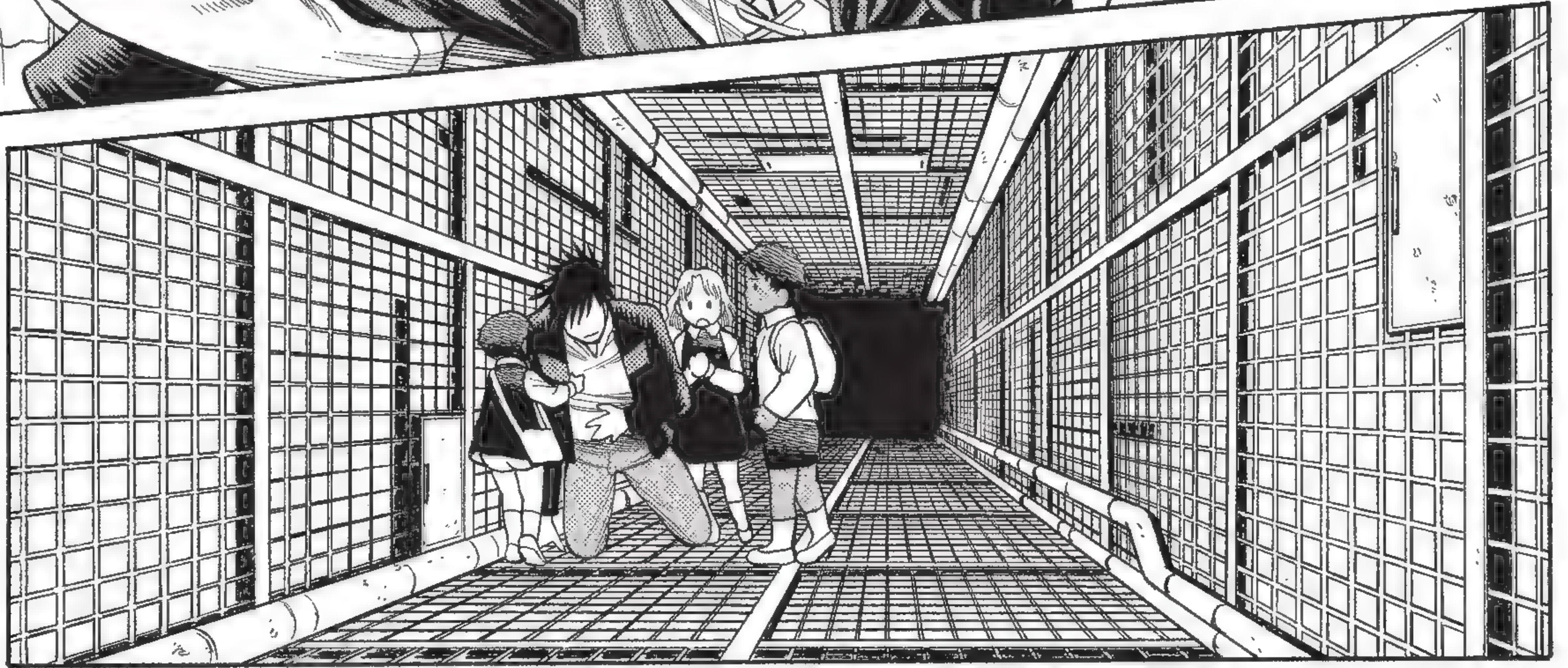
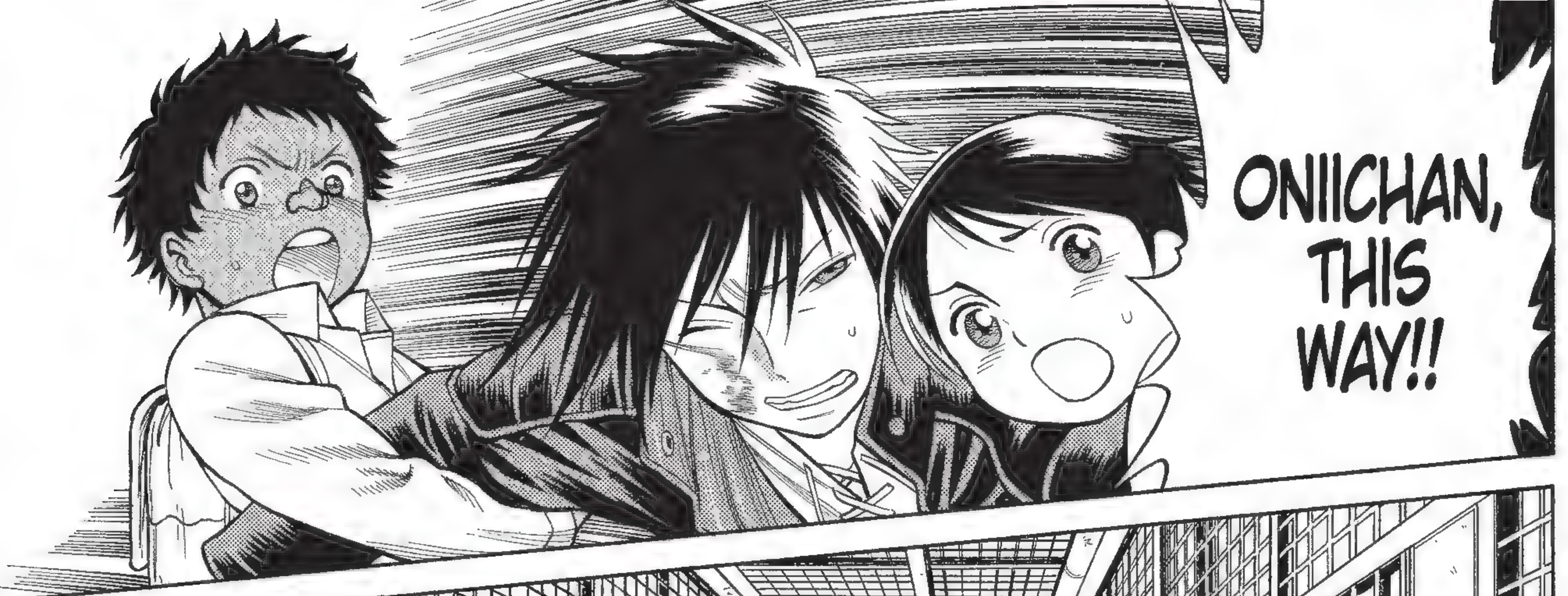


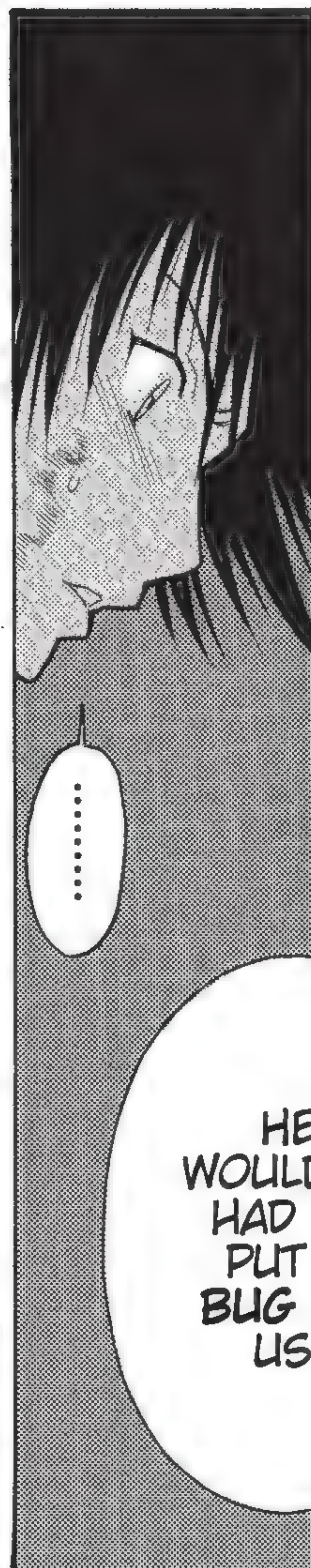
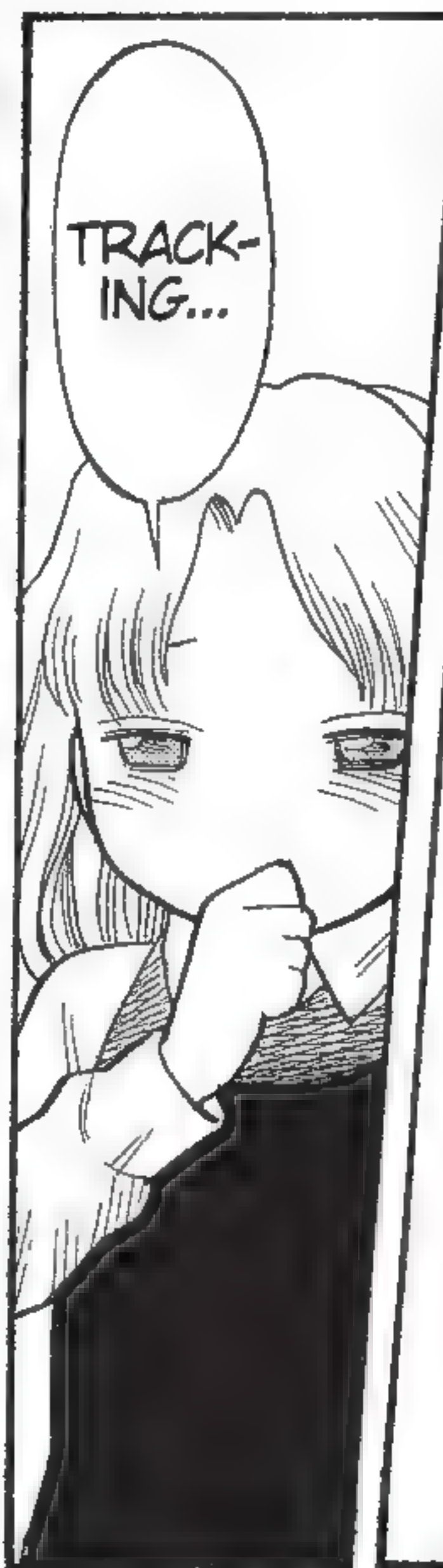




YAAH!
LET GO
OF HIM,
YOU BIG
MEANIE
!!

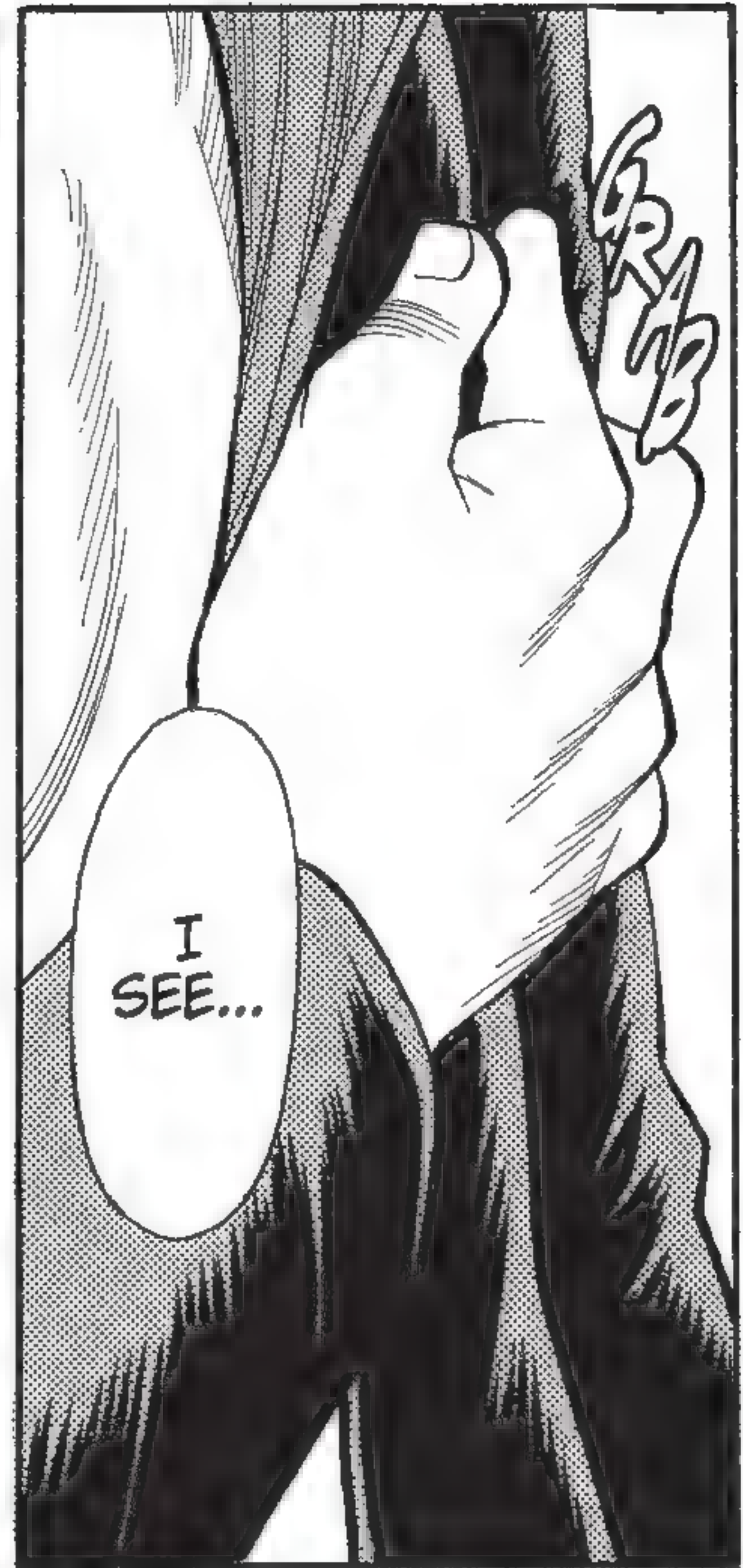








SO
THAT'S
HOW
IT IS.

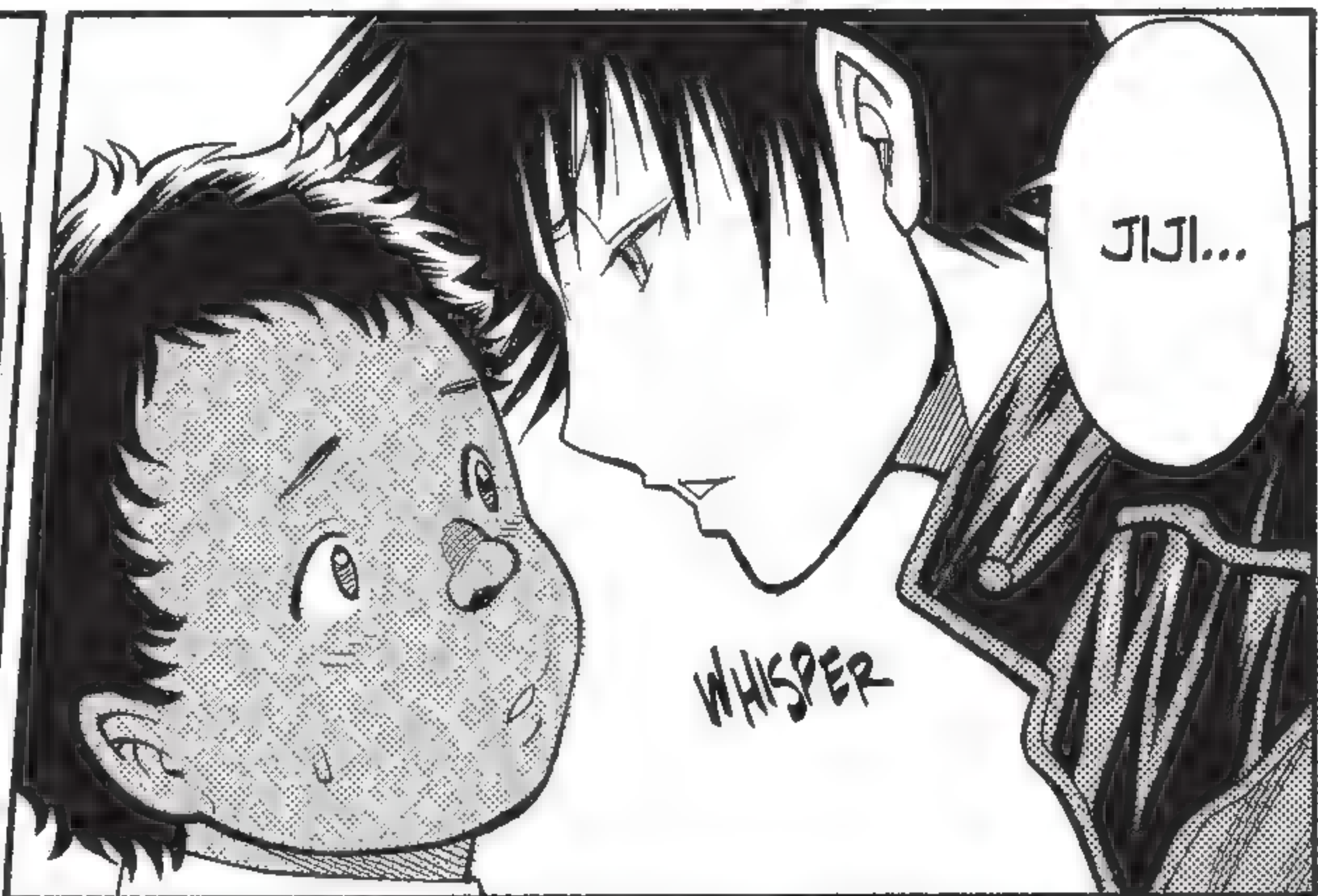


I
SEE...



BUT
WHY?

WE
CAN DO
THAT...



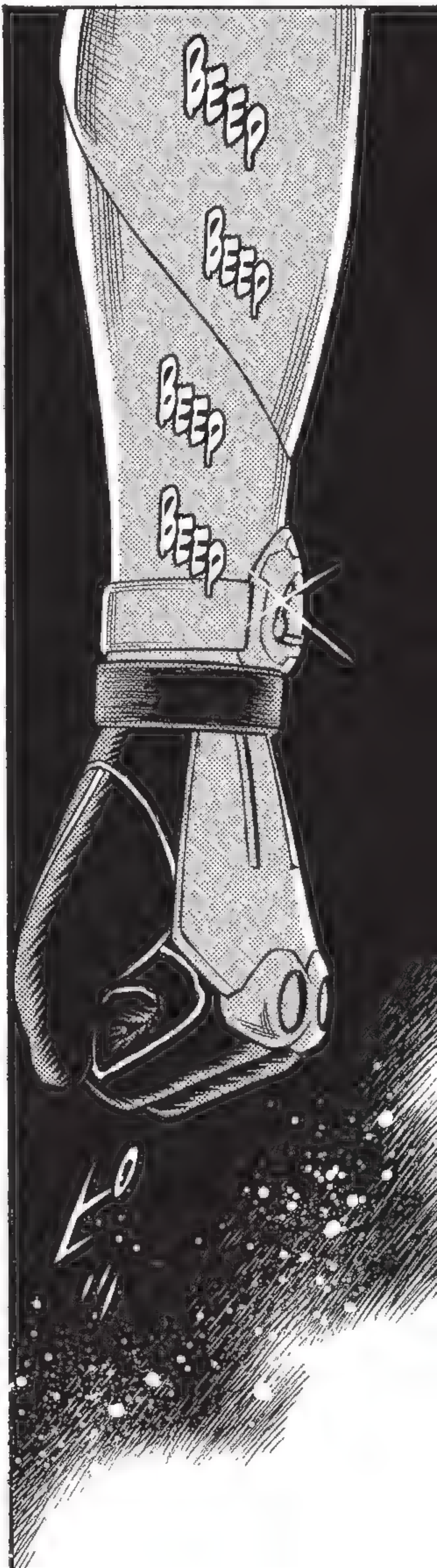
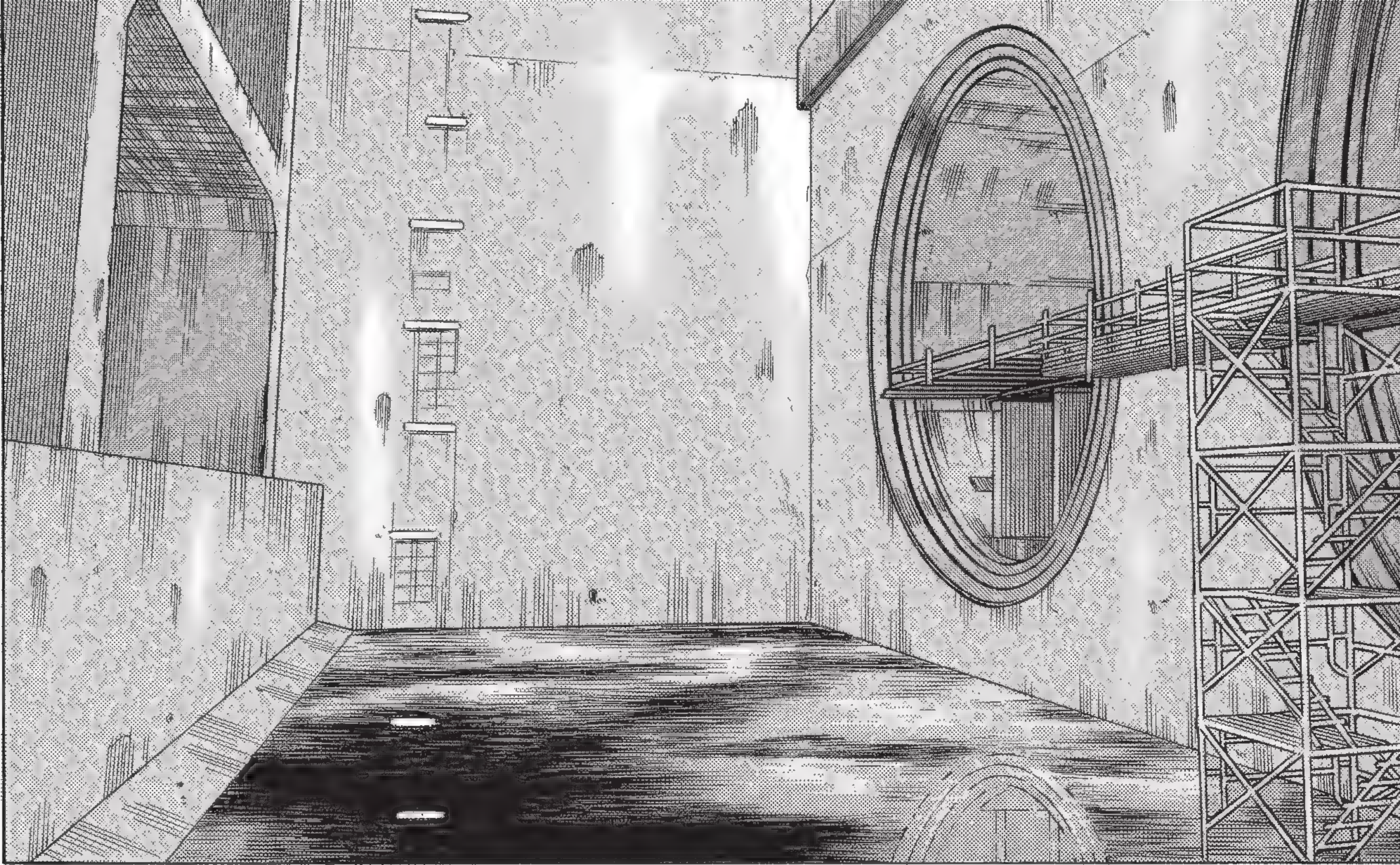
JII...

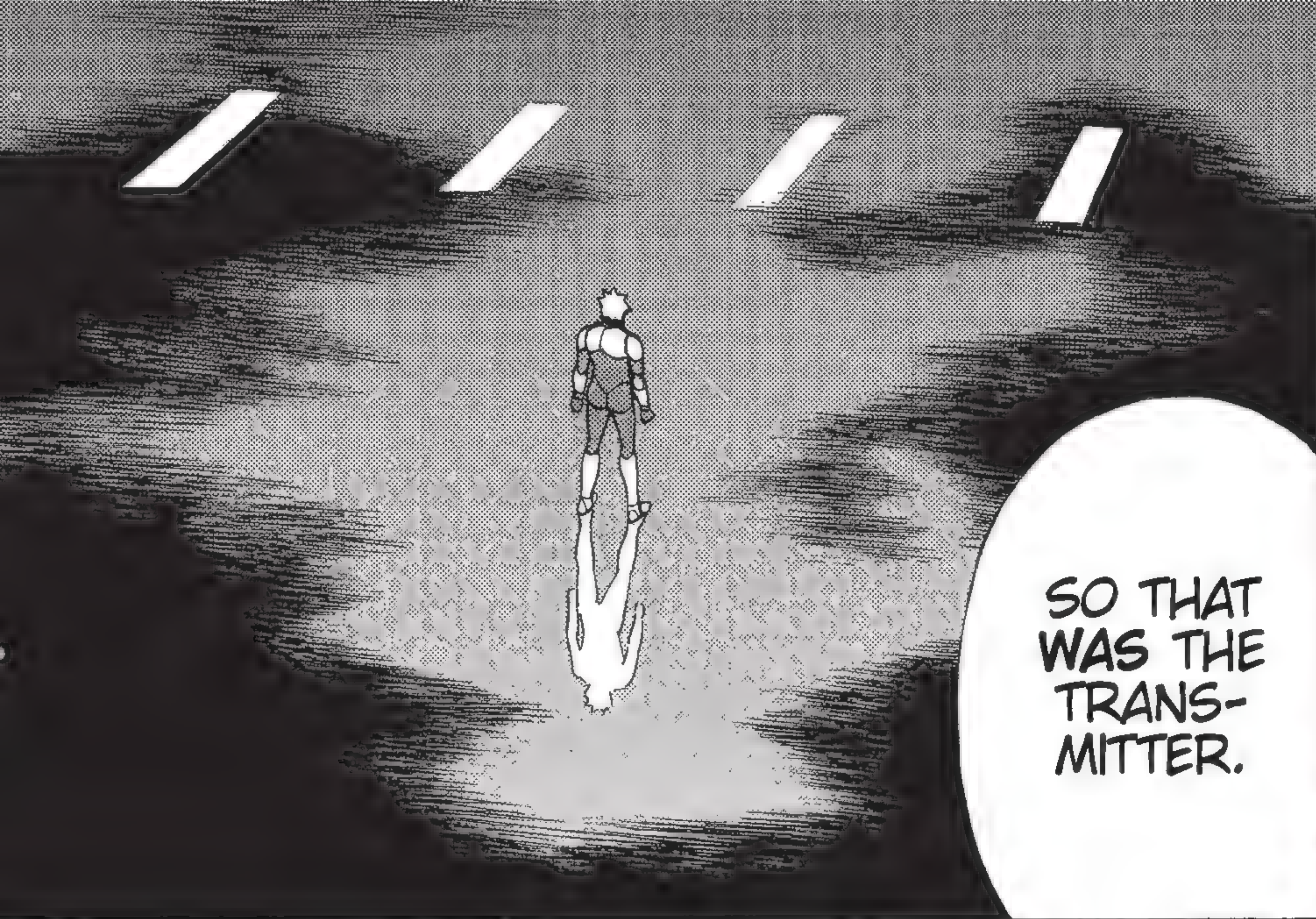
WHISPER



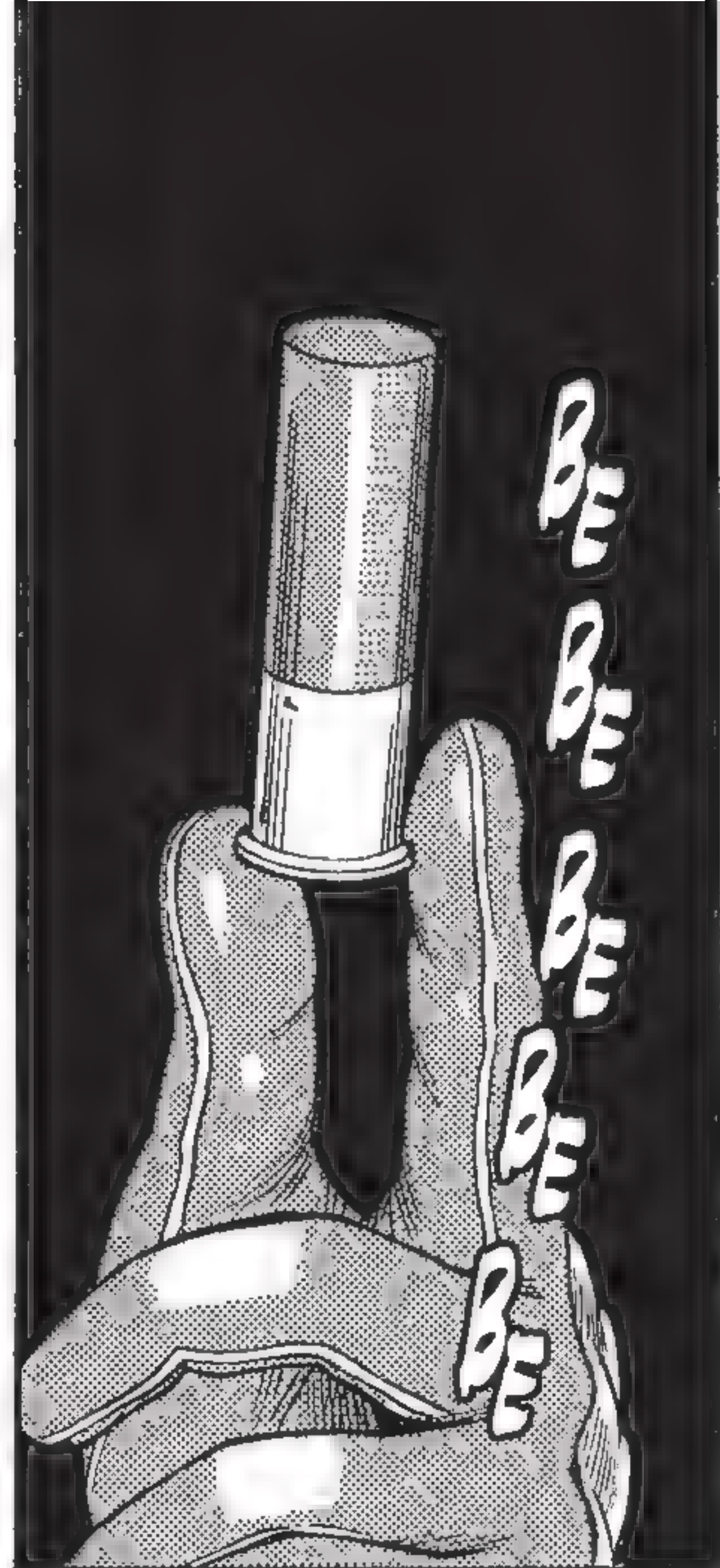
WE'RE
GONNA
CATCH
HIM.

IT'S
OBVIOUS,
ISN'T
IT?

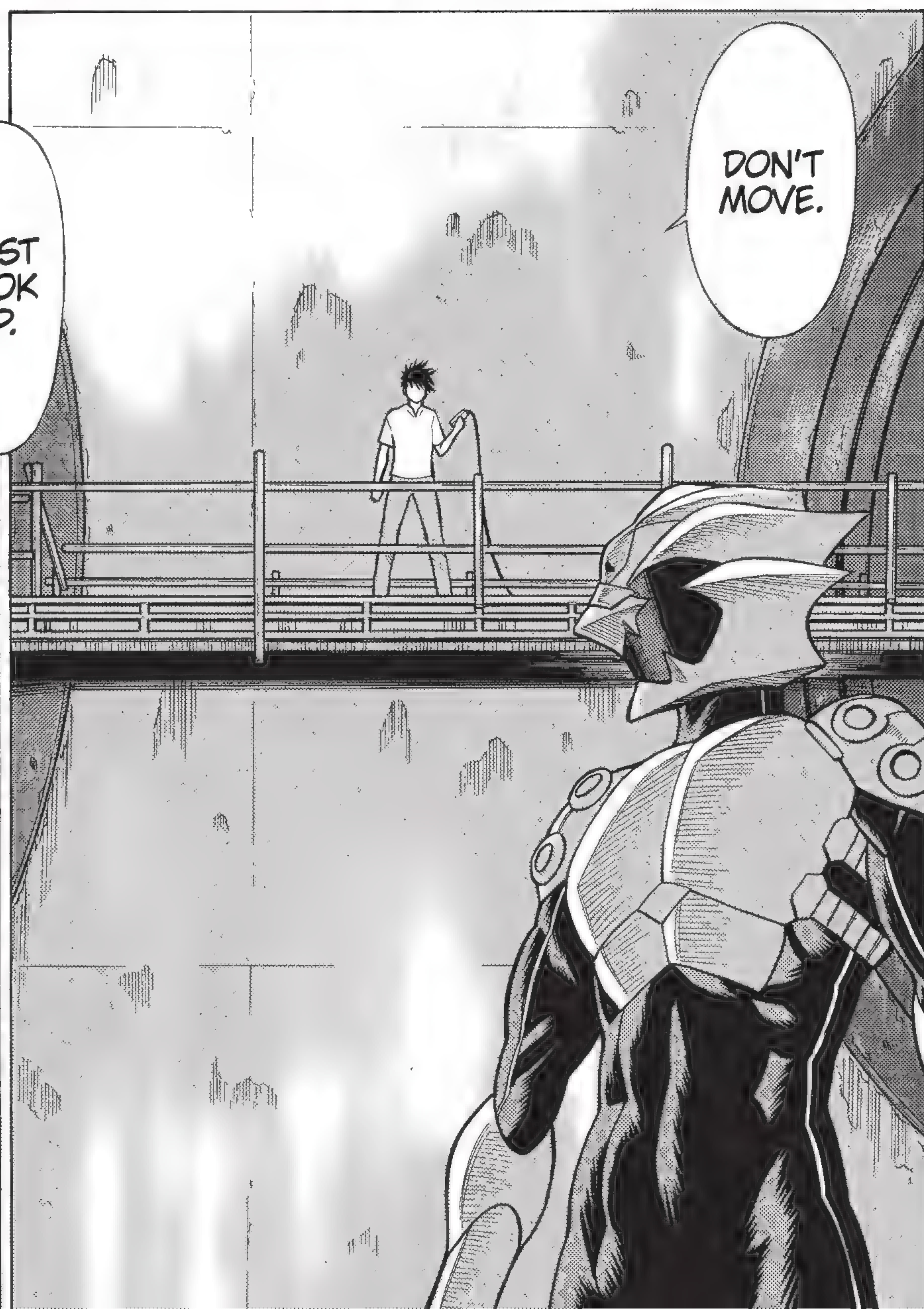




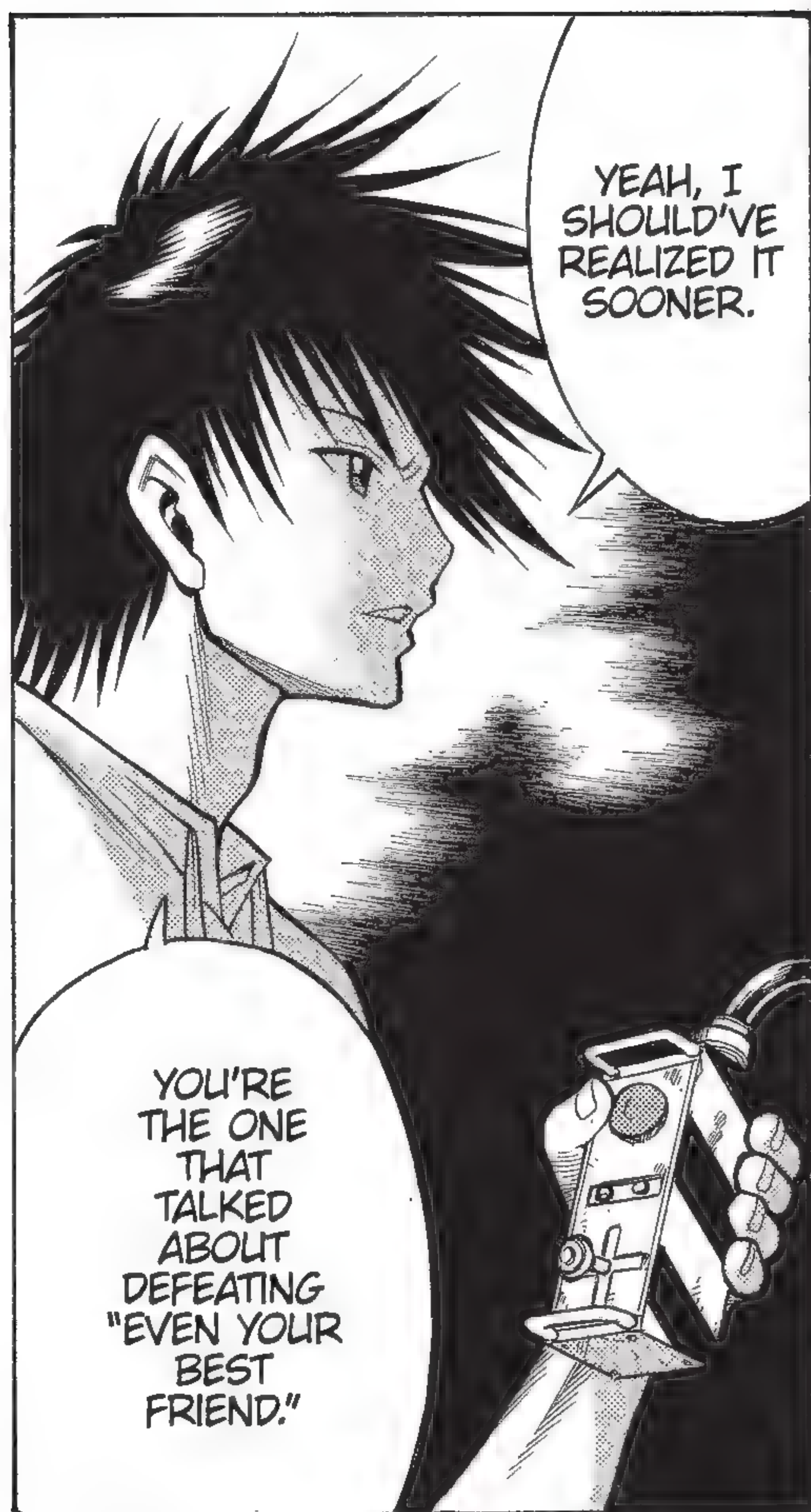
SO THAT
WAS THE
TRANS-
MITTER.



JUST
LOOK
UP.



DON'T
MOVE.



YEAH, I
SHOULD'VE
REALIZED IT
SOONER.

YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT
TALKED
ABOUT
DEFEATING
"EVEN YOUR
BEST
FRIEND."



THAT'S A
SECRET
THAT ONLY
A HANDFUL
OF PEOPLE
WITHIN
BEOWULF
EVEN KNOW
ABOUT.

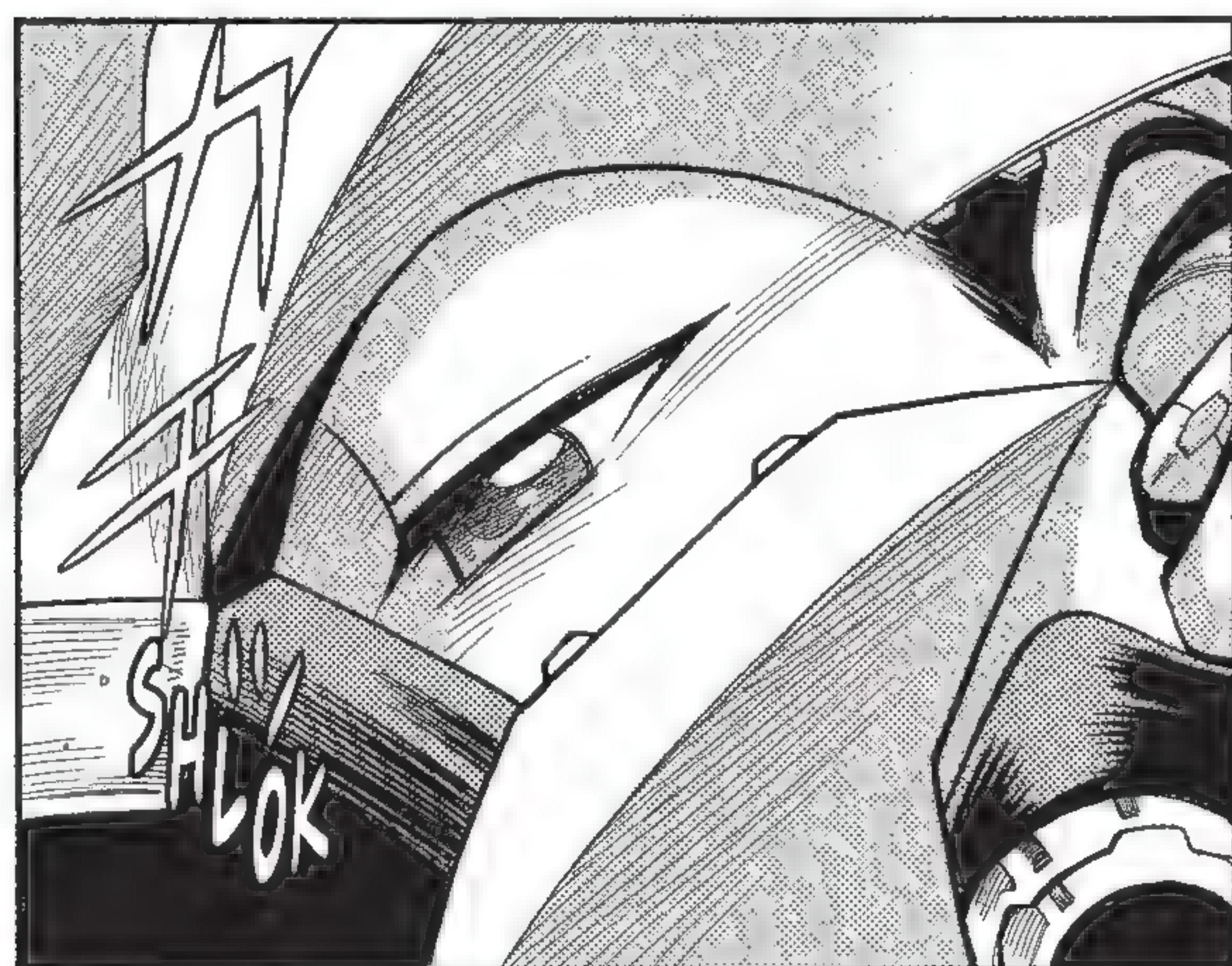
YOU
KNEW I
KILLED
GRAHAM.

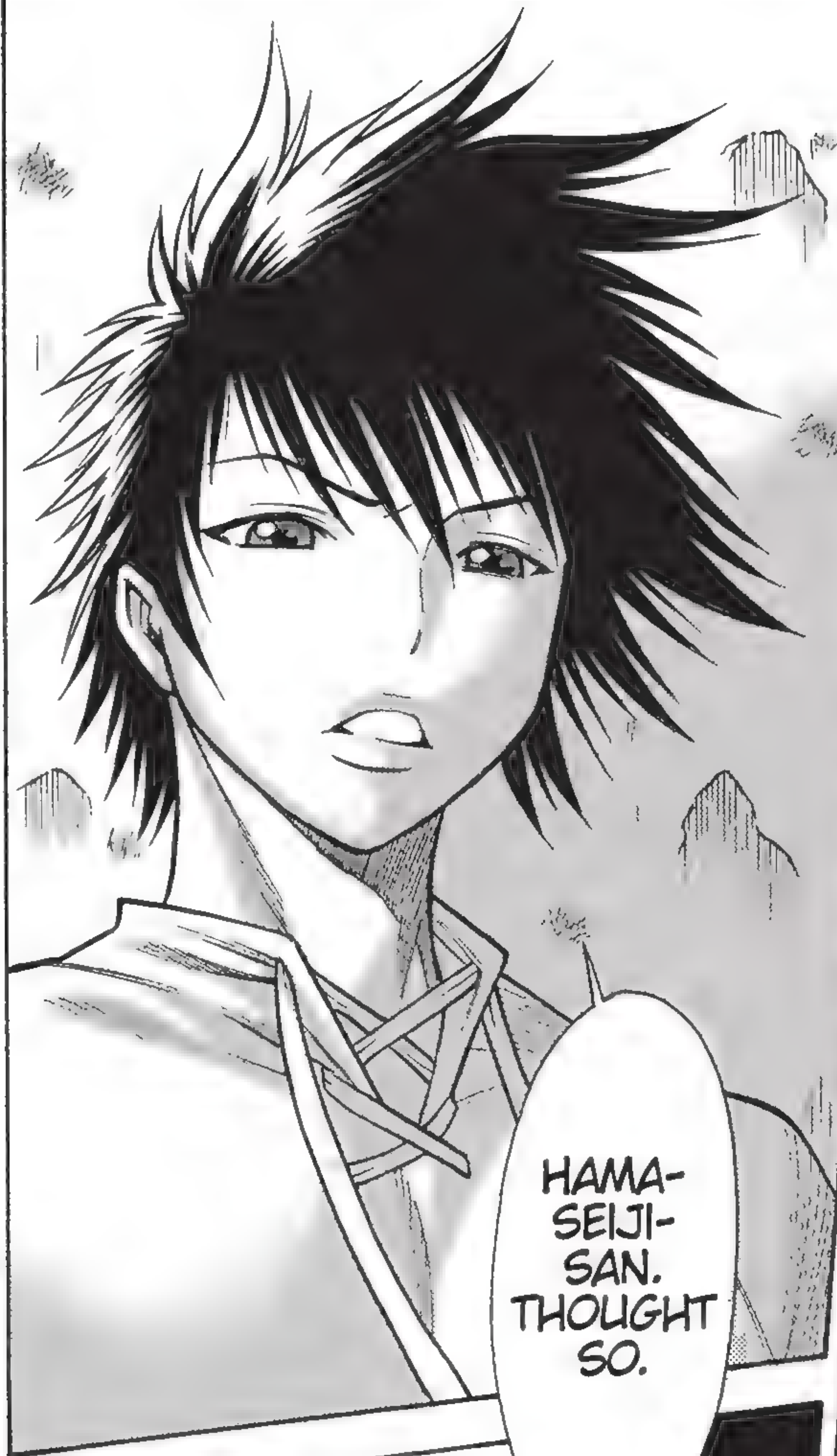


SEE THAT
CONTAINER
UP THERE?
IT WEIGHS
TEN TONS.

ONE
WRONG
MOVE
FROM YOU,
AND IT
GETS
DROPPED.

AND
BELIEVE
ME, I
WON'T
HESITATE.



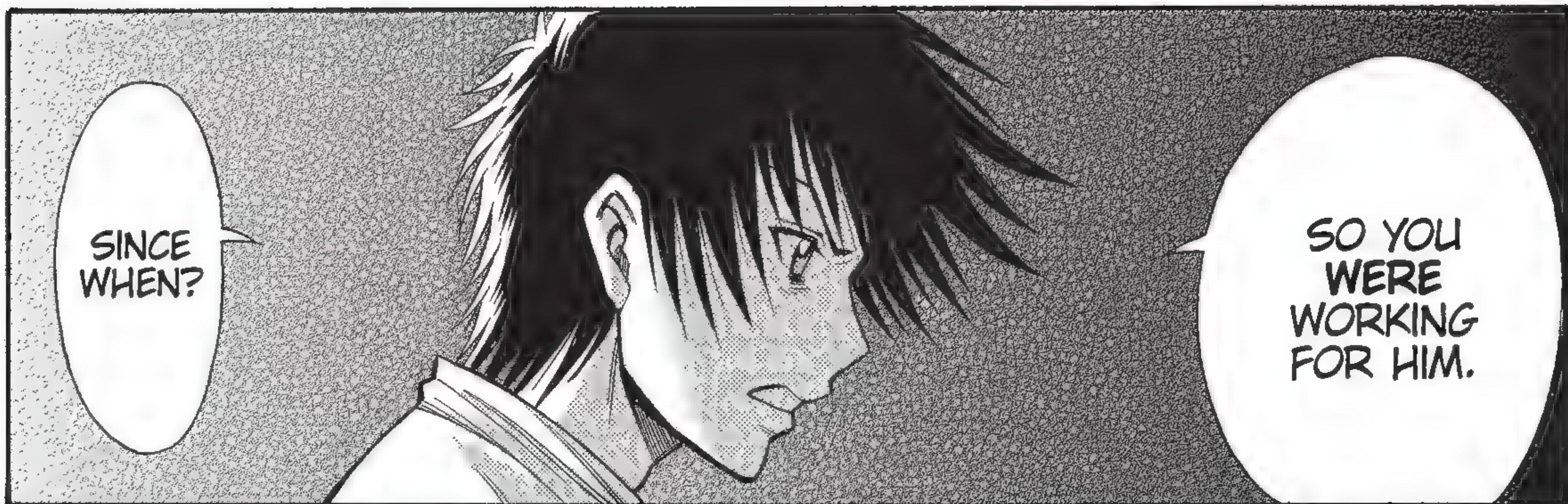


HAMA-
SEIJI-
SAN.
THOUGHT
SO.



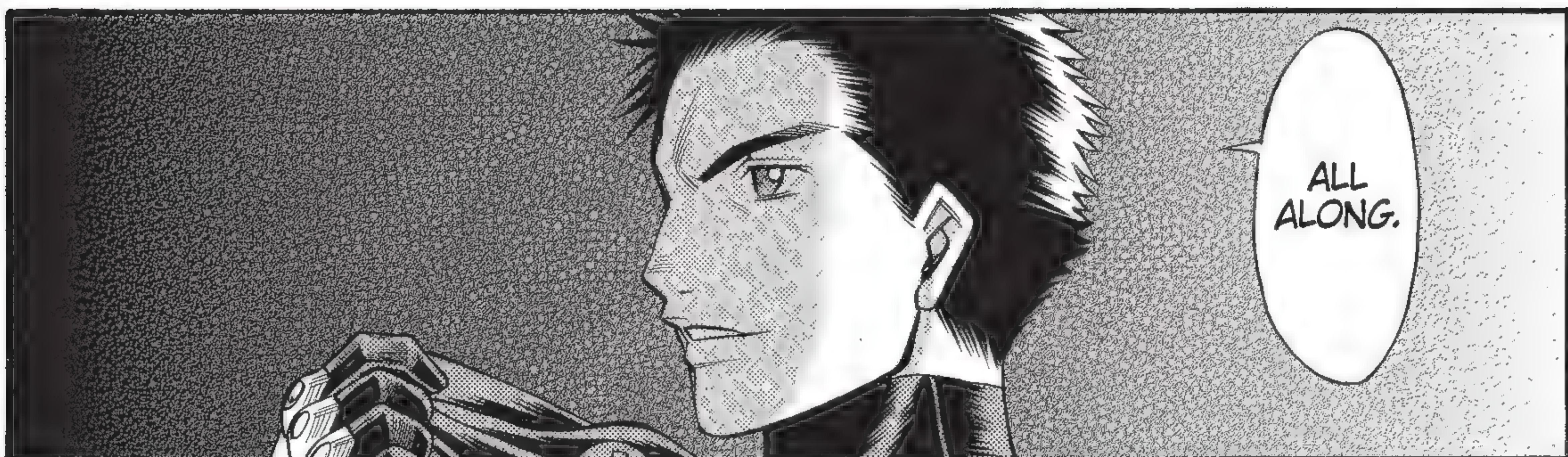
IT WAS
ROZEN-
MANN.





SINCE
WHEN?

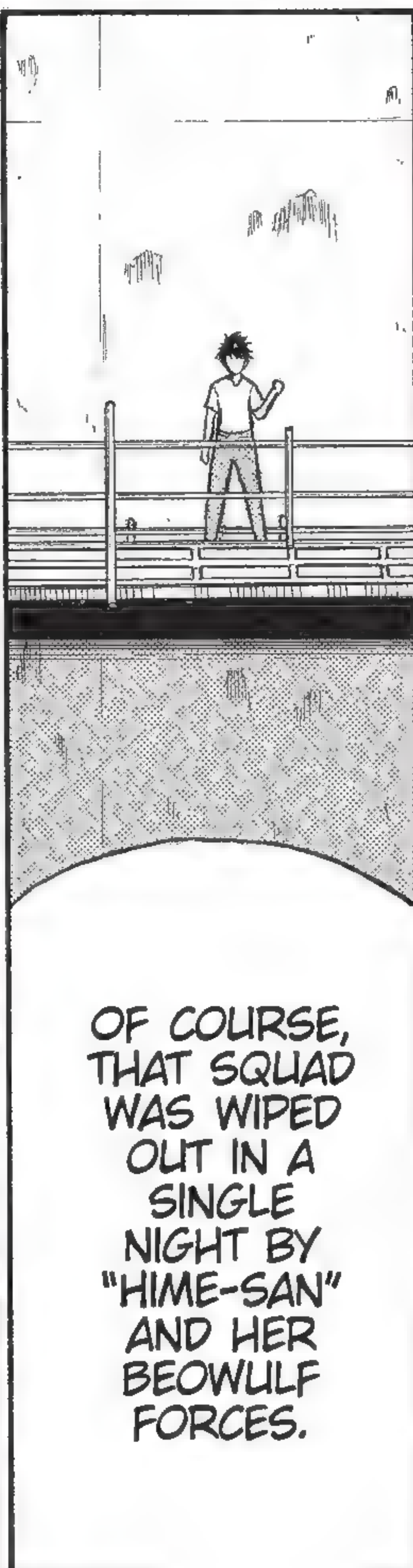
SO YOU
WERE
WORKING
FOR HIM.



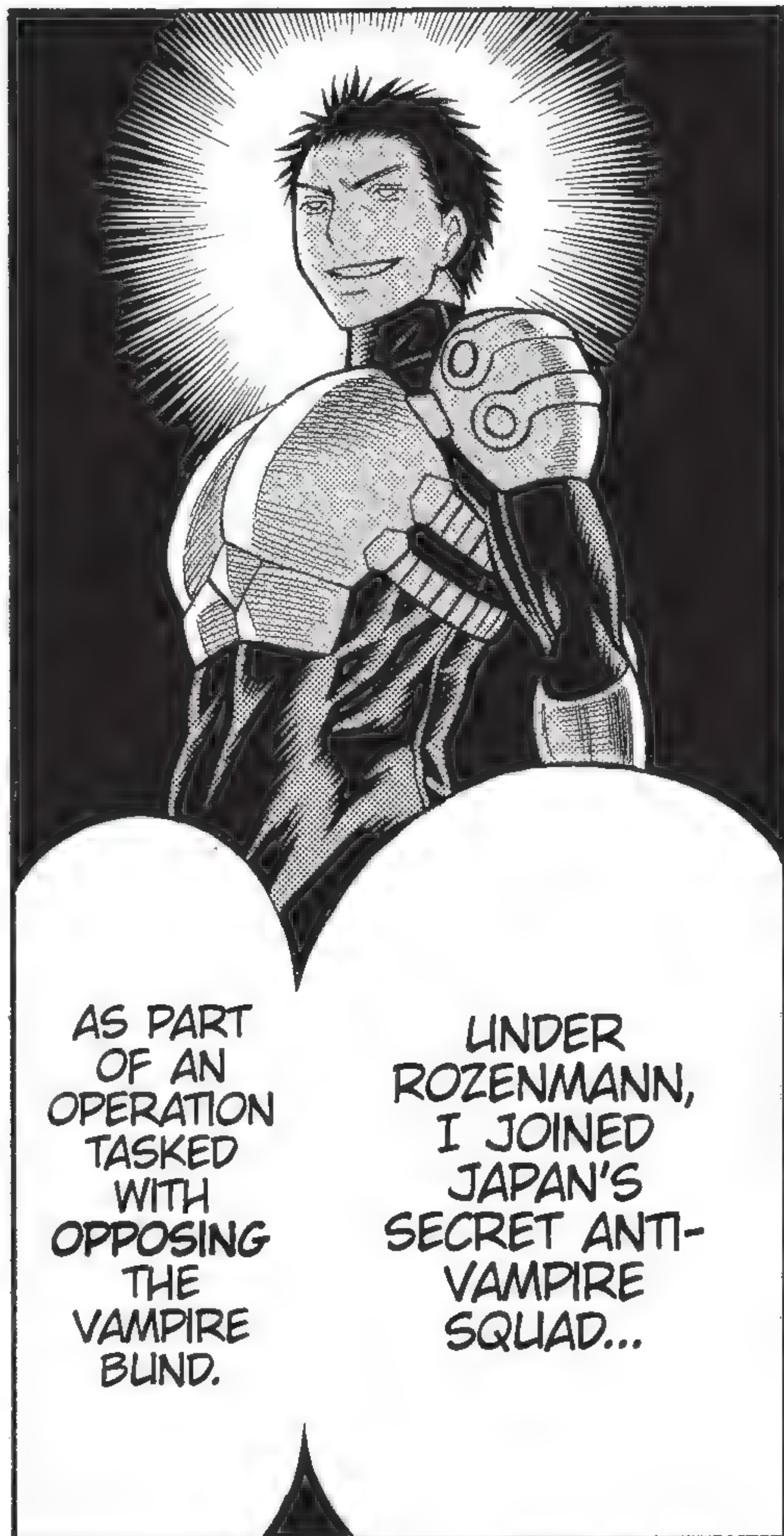
ALL
ALONG.



THE
ONES THAT
ATTACKED
HIME-SAN
THE NIGHT
SHE
CAME TO
JAPAN?!

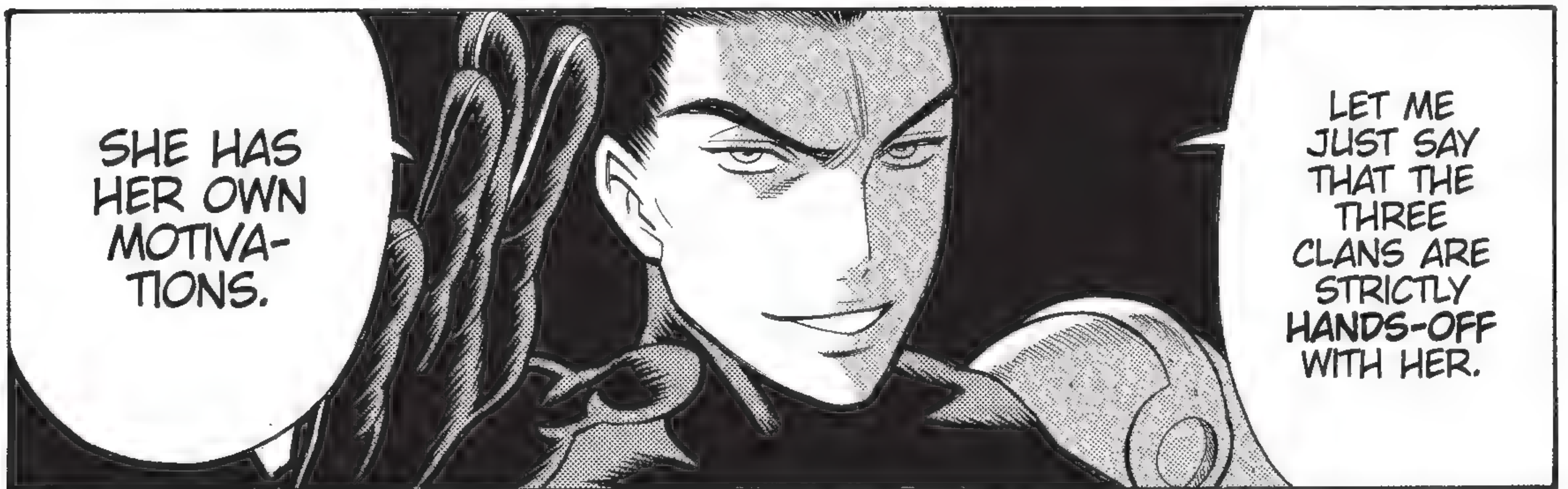
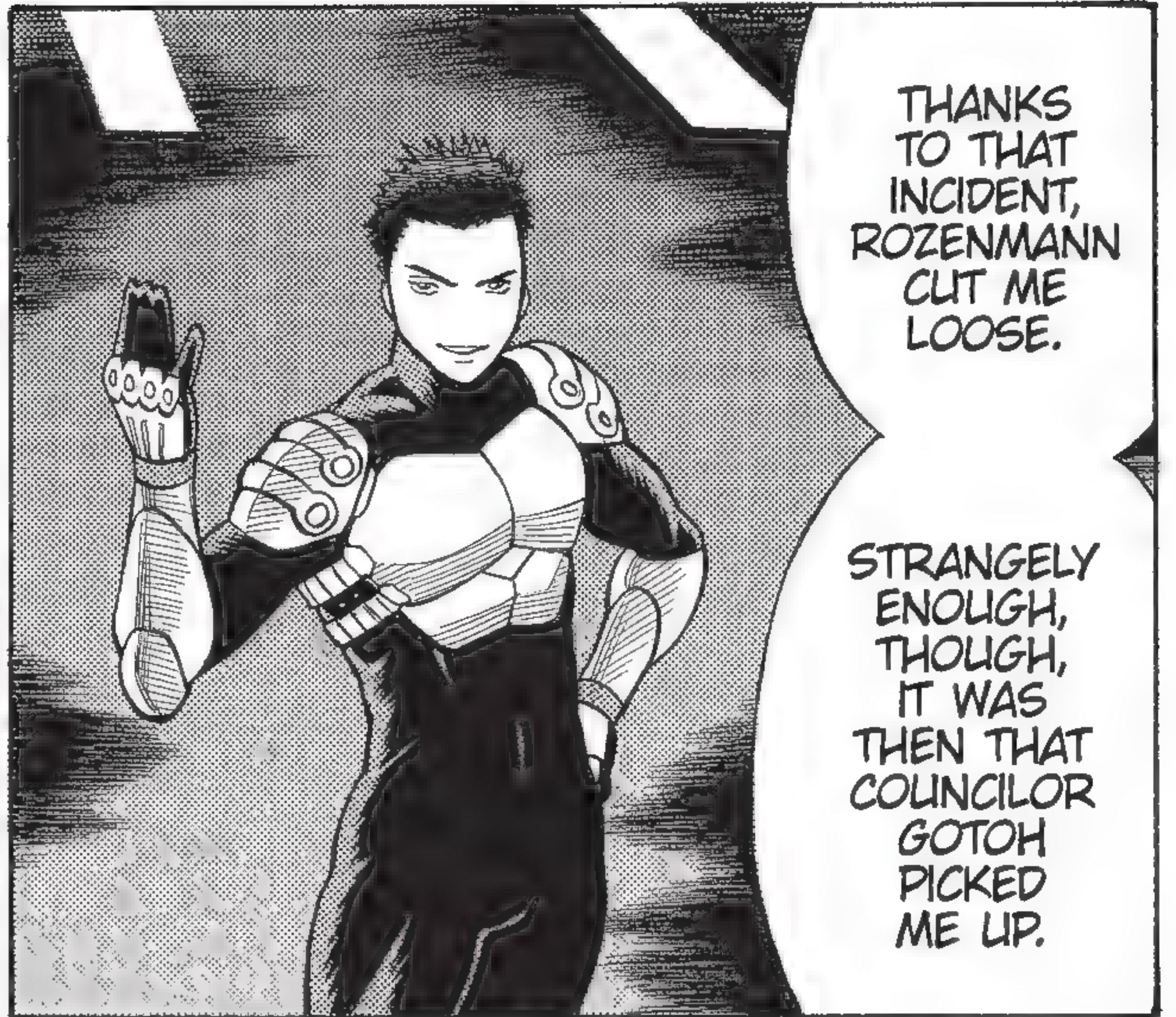


OF COURSE,
THAT SQUAD
WAS WIPED
OUT IN A
SINGLE
NIGHT BY
"HIME-SAN"
AND HER
BEOWULF
FORCES.

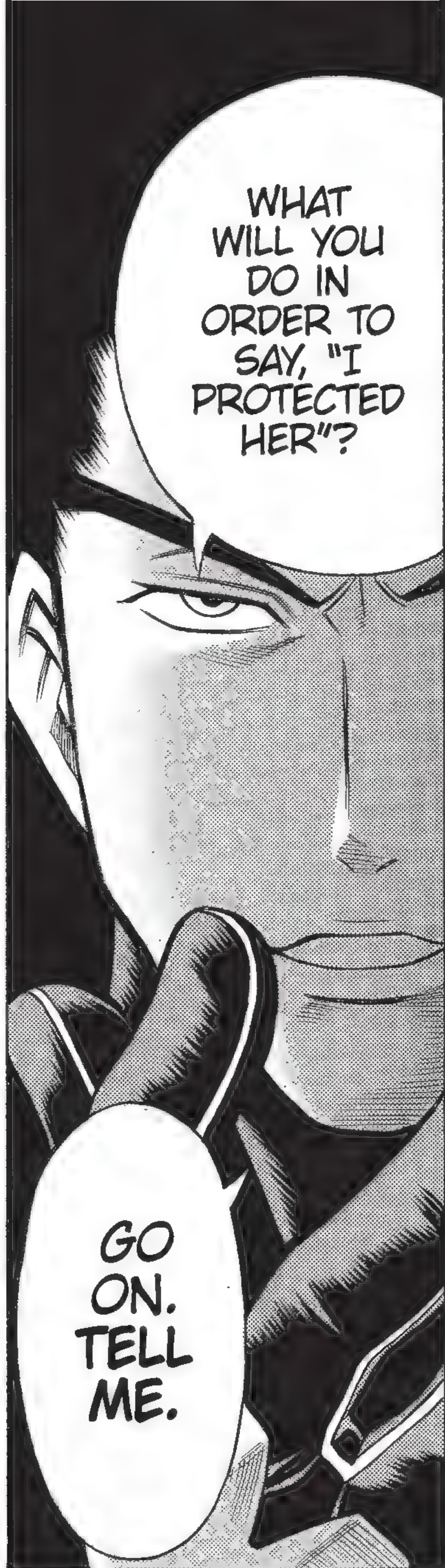


AS PART
OF AN
OPERATION
TASKED
WITH
OPPOSING
THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND.

UNDER
ROZENMANN,
I JOINED
JAPAN'S
SECRET ANTI-
VAMPIRE
SQUAD...

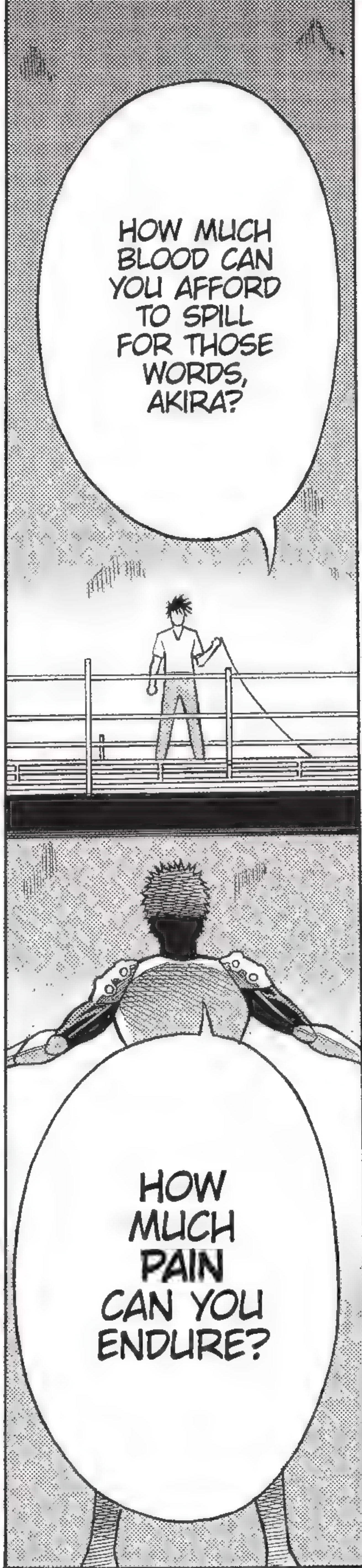






WHAT
WILL YOU
DO IN
ORDER TO
SAY, "I
PROTECTED
HER"?

GO
ON.
TELL
ME.



HOW MUCH
BLOOD CAN
YOU AFFORD
TO SPILL
FOR THOSE
WORDS,
AKIRA?

HOW
MUCH
PAIN
CAN YOU
ENDURE?



IT'S
SUCH A
CLICHÉ...

"PROTECTING
THE PEOPLE
IMPORTANT
TO ME."

IT'S EASY
TO SAY,
BUT NOBODY
UNDERSTANDS
WHAT IT
REALLY
MEANS.



BUT I'VE
SEEN IT.
I KNOW
IT'S
THERE.



HOW
THE HELL
SHOULD
I KNOW?



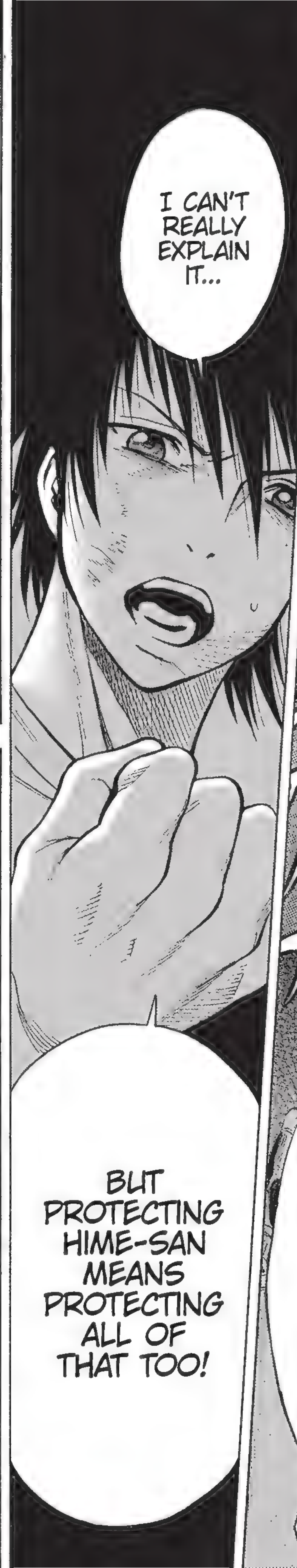
THAT'S A
HELLVA
BIG
PACKAGE.

SURE
YOU CAN
HANDLE
IT?



THAT'S
NOT
YOUR
CONCERN.

I'VE
WASTED
ENOUGH
TIME
HERE.
WE'RE
DONE.



I CAN'T
REALLY
EXPLAIN
IT...

BUT
PROTECTING
HIME-SAN
MEANS
PROTECTING
ALL OF
THAT TOO!



IT'S IN
THOSE KIDS.
AND THERE'S
A WHOLE
CITY OF
FANGLESS.
IT'S IN
THEM TOO.

IT'S IN THE
WORLD THAT
HIME-SAN
CREATED. THE
WORLD SHE'S
TRYING TO
PROTECT.



YOU
FOOL
!!

PUSH
IT!

IF
THAT'S
HOW
YOU
FEEL...

THEN
GO
AHEAD.
PUSH
THE
BUTTON.



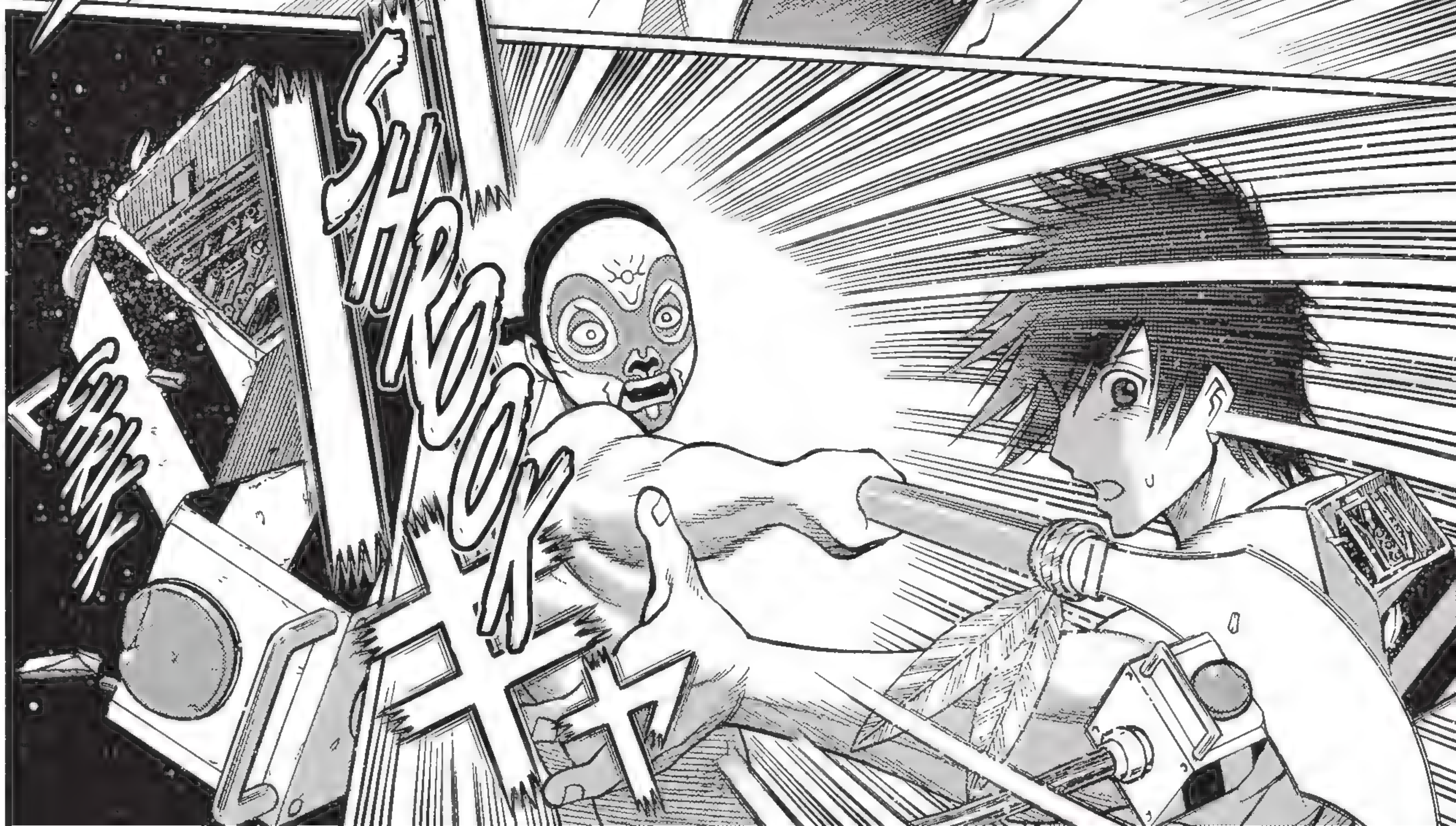
HE'S
STILL
ALIVE
?!

HEH...
HE
MUST'VE
FOLLOWED
ME.

FWOOOOO

FWASH

!

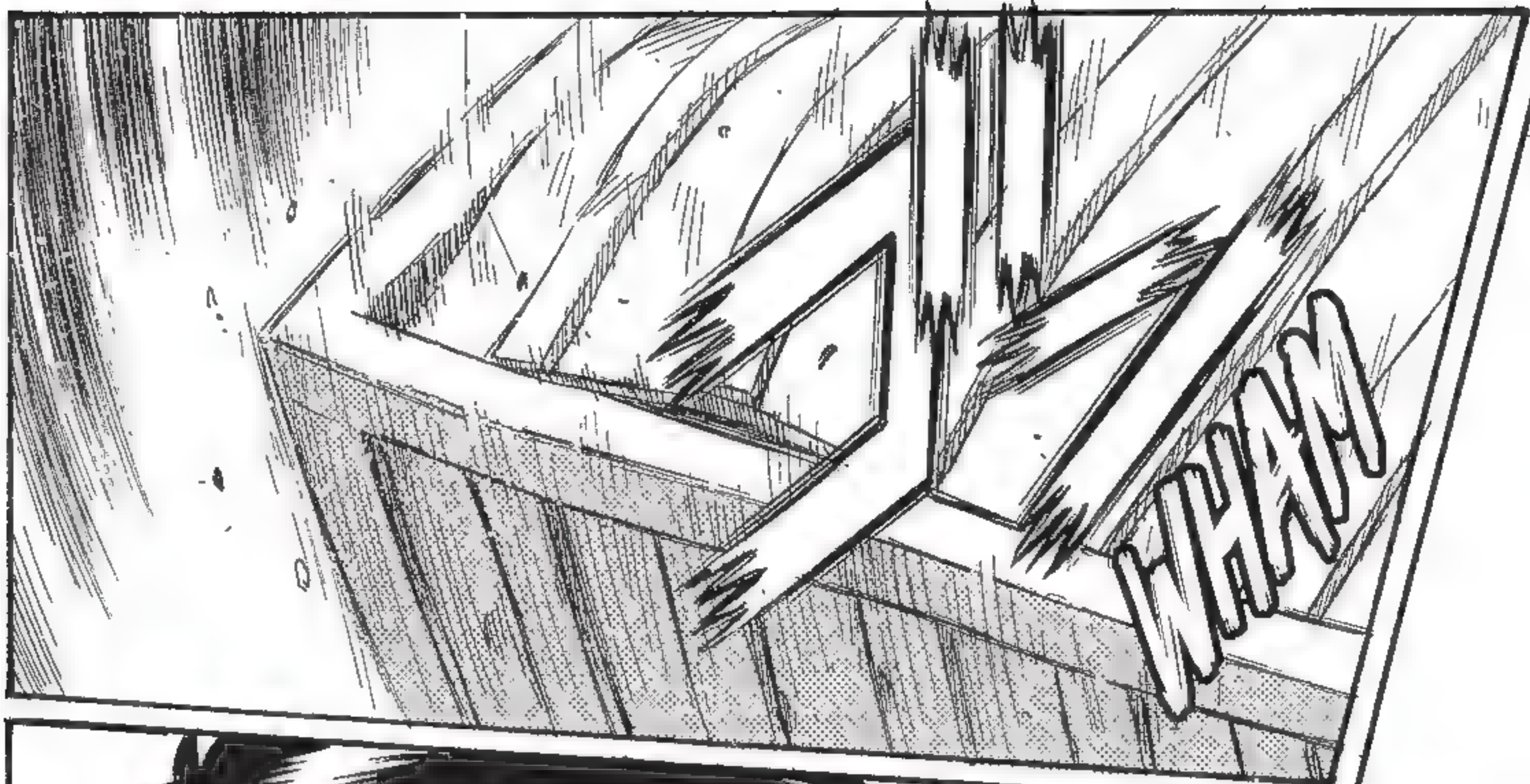




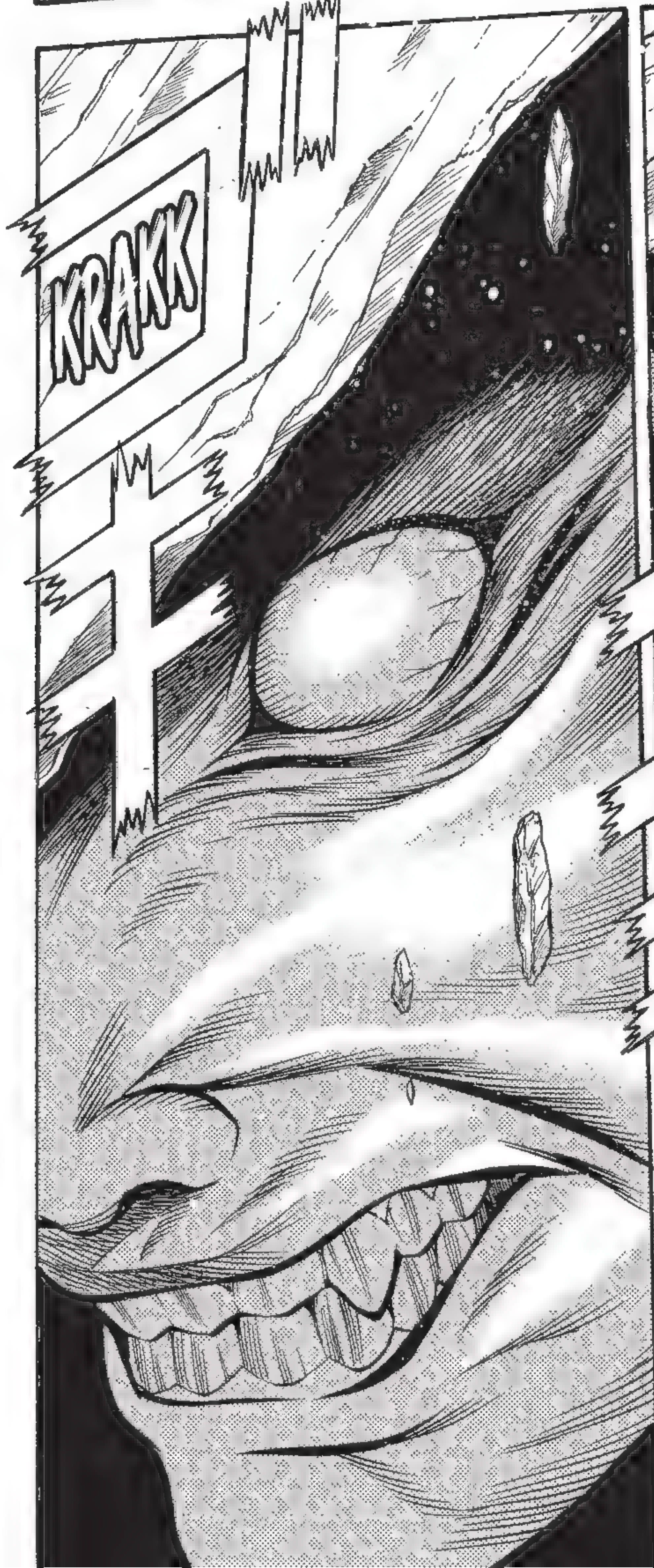
WHOOSH

CRANG

SHKROOOOM



HAMA-
SEIJI-
SAN?!







WELL
NOW...

I'M
CERTAINLY
NOT A
VAMPIRE.

AND
I'M NOT
QUITE A
WERE-
WOLF,
NOW
AM I?



HAMA-
SEJI-
SAN...

WHAT
ARE
YOU...?





STILL
...

I'M
CERTAINLY
NOT
HUMAN
EITHER.



SHOULDN'T
YOU BE A
PANCAKE
BY NOW,
YOU SON
OF A
BITCH?!

GAAH!

OR DID
YOU
REALLY...
TELEPORT
?!



GRAB

SWA

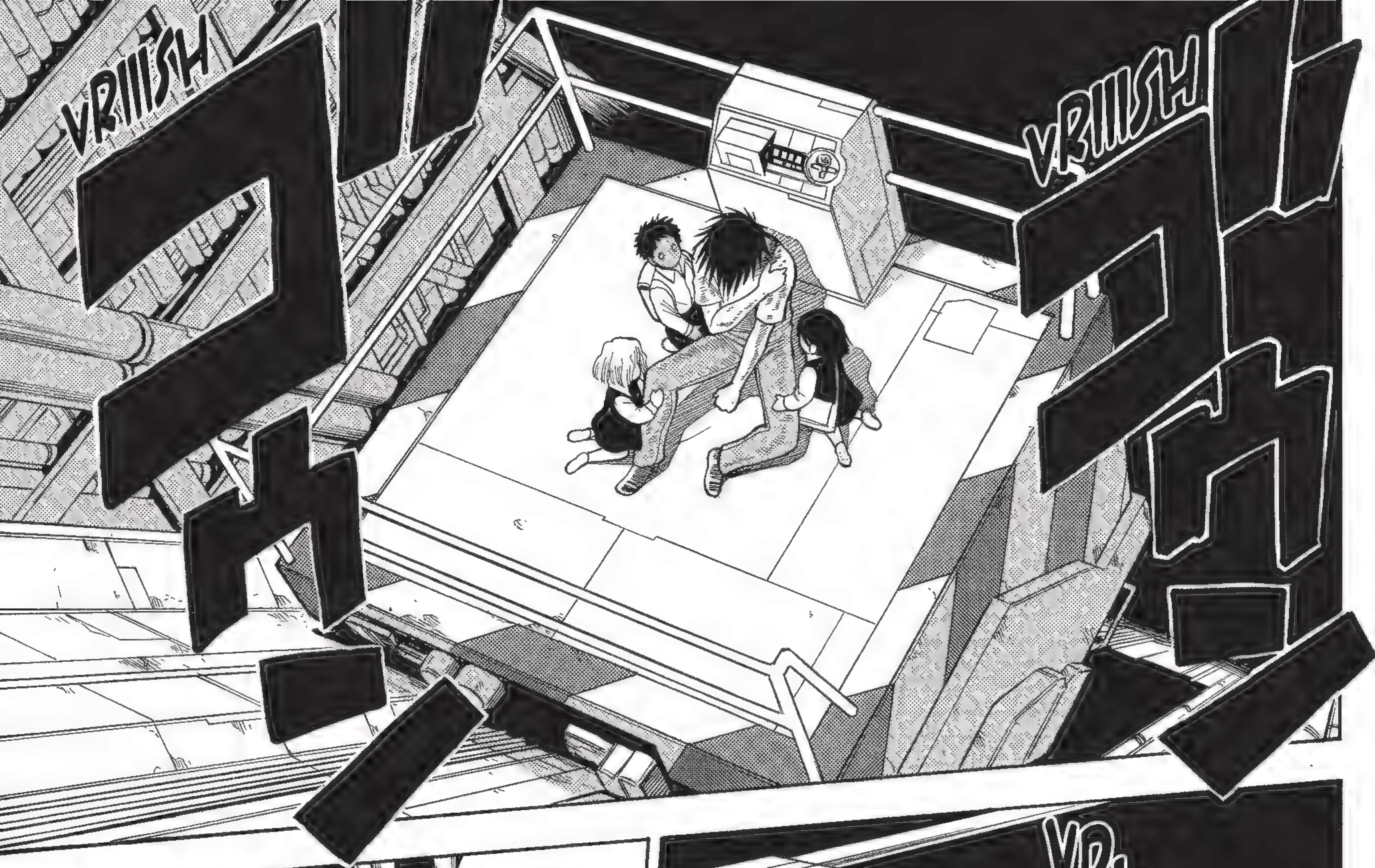






Chapter 30: The Cradle Will Rock





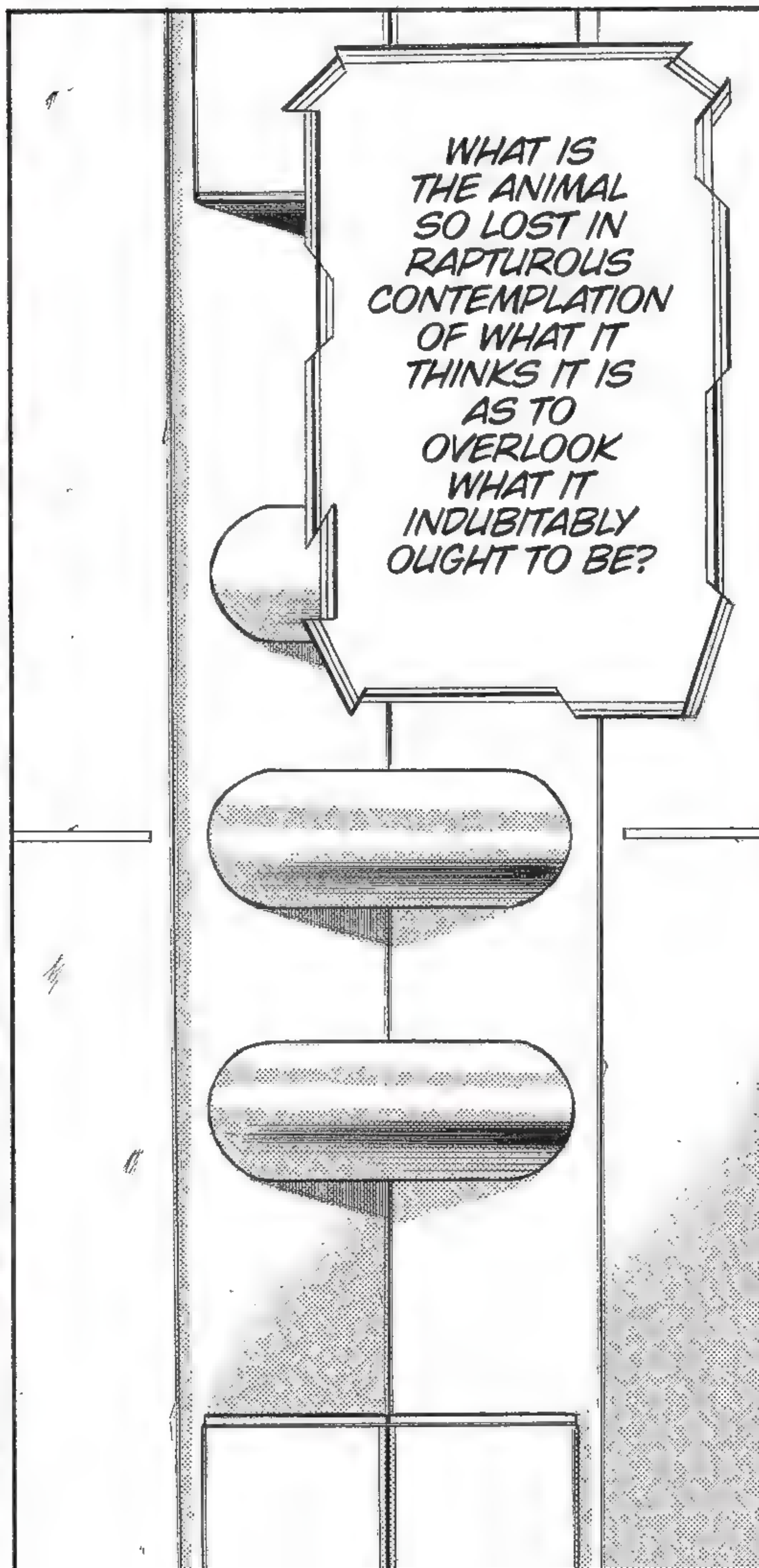
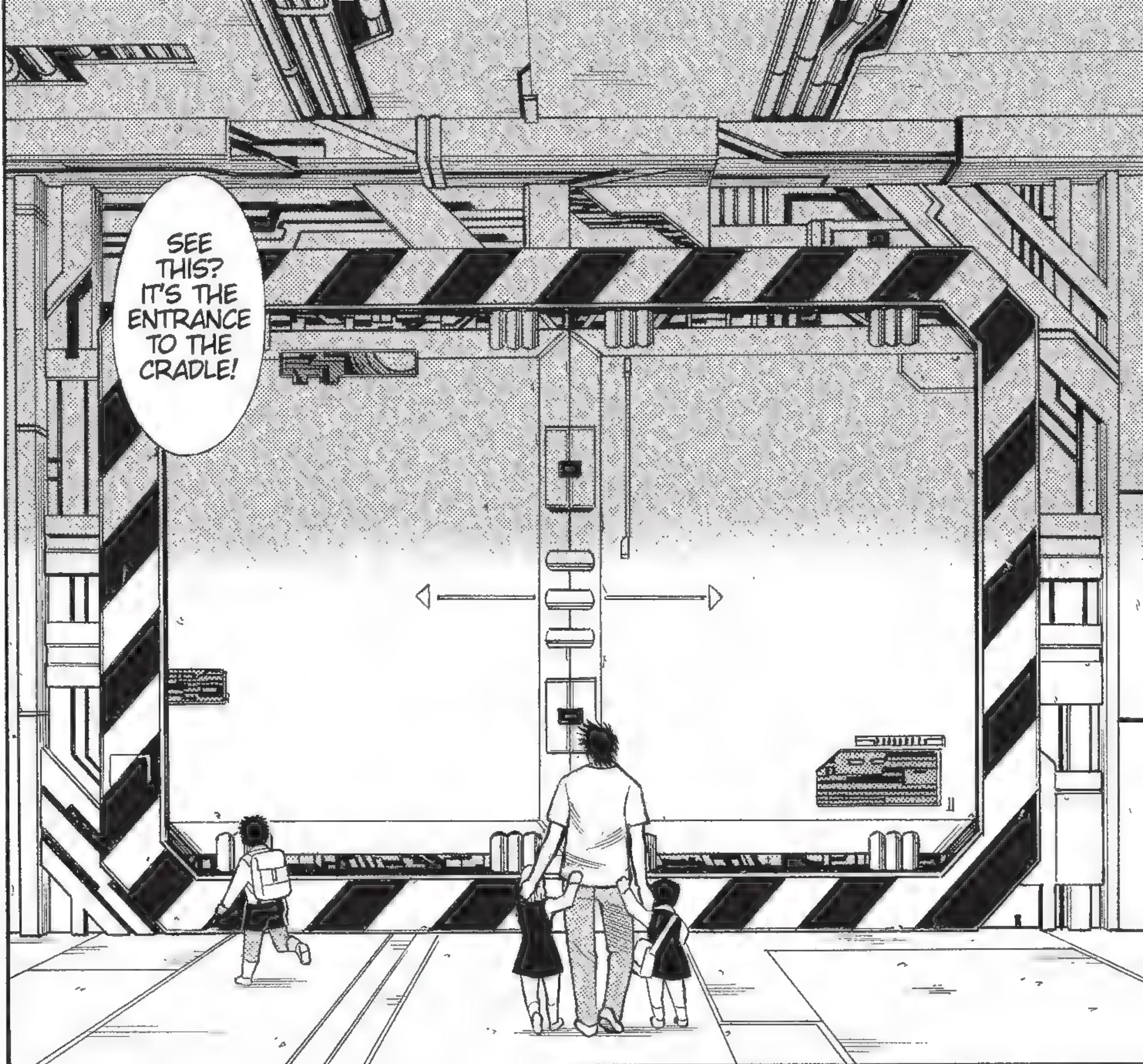
JUST
HANG IN
THERE,
ONIICHAN.
WE'LL BE
AT THE
CRADLE
SOON.

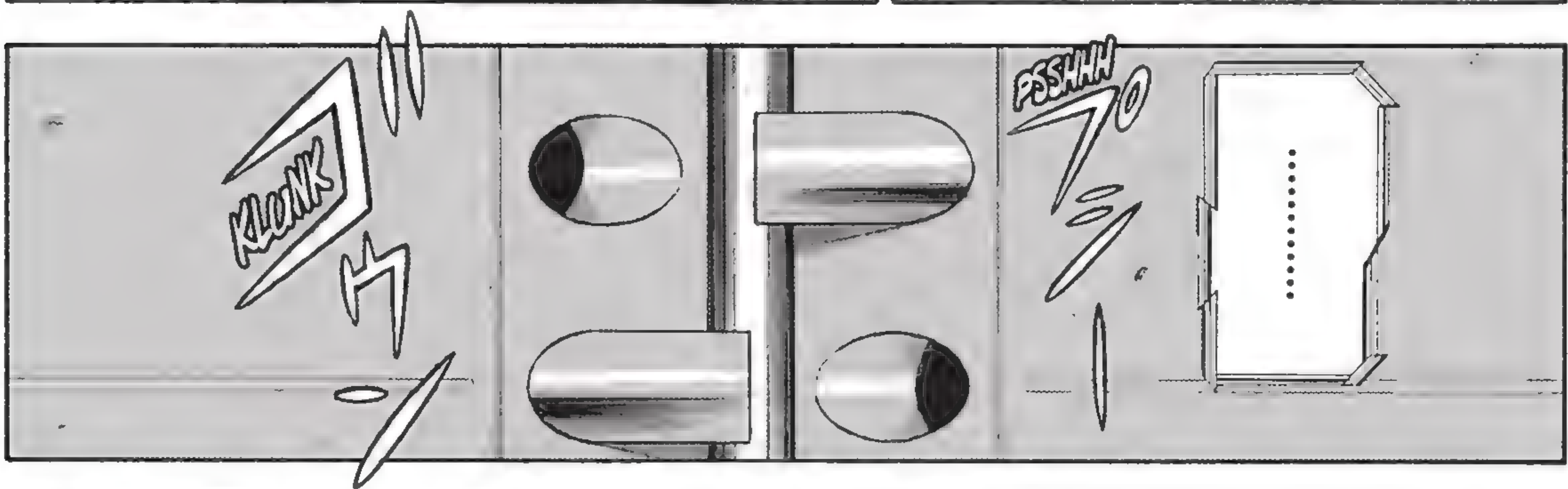
YOU
CAN
REST
THERE.

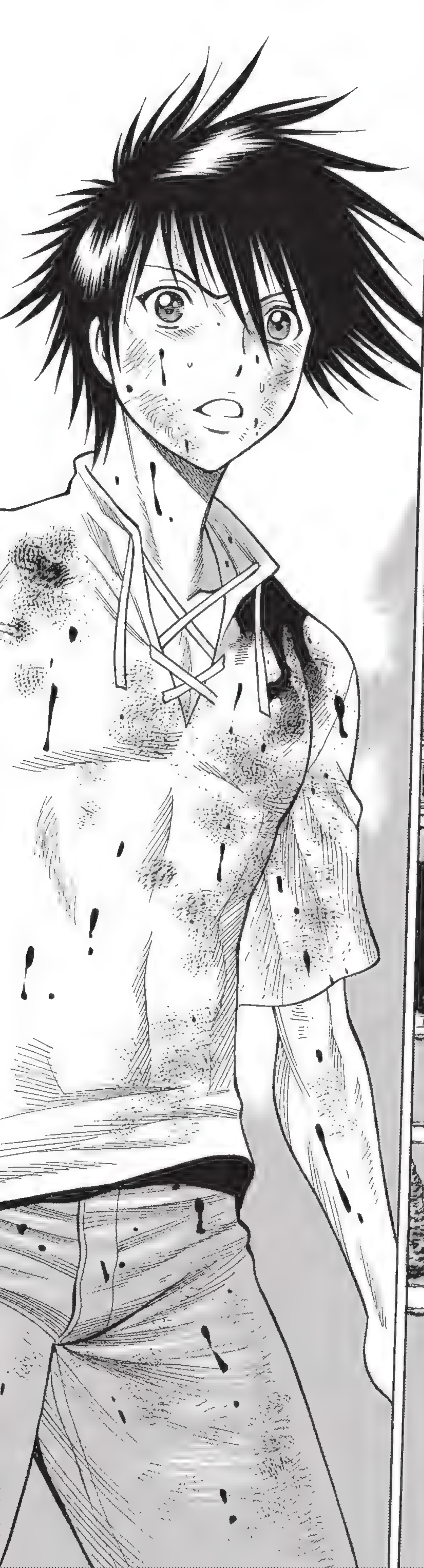
I'M ALL
RIGHT...
IT'S NOT
AS BAD
AS IT
LOOKS.

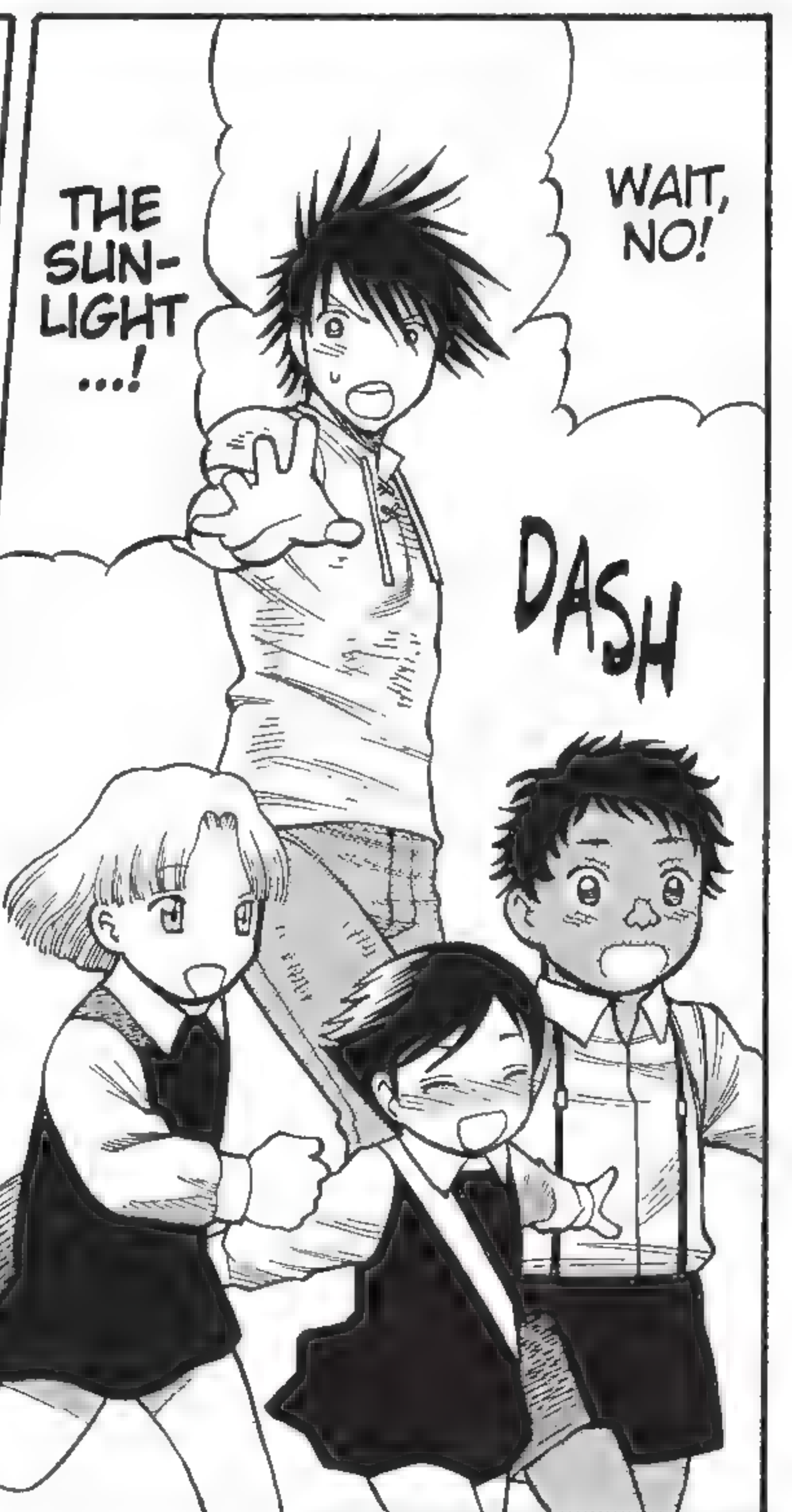
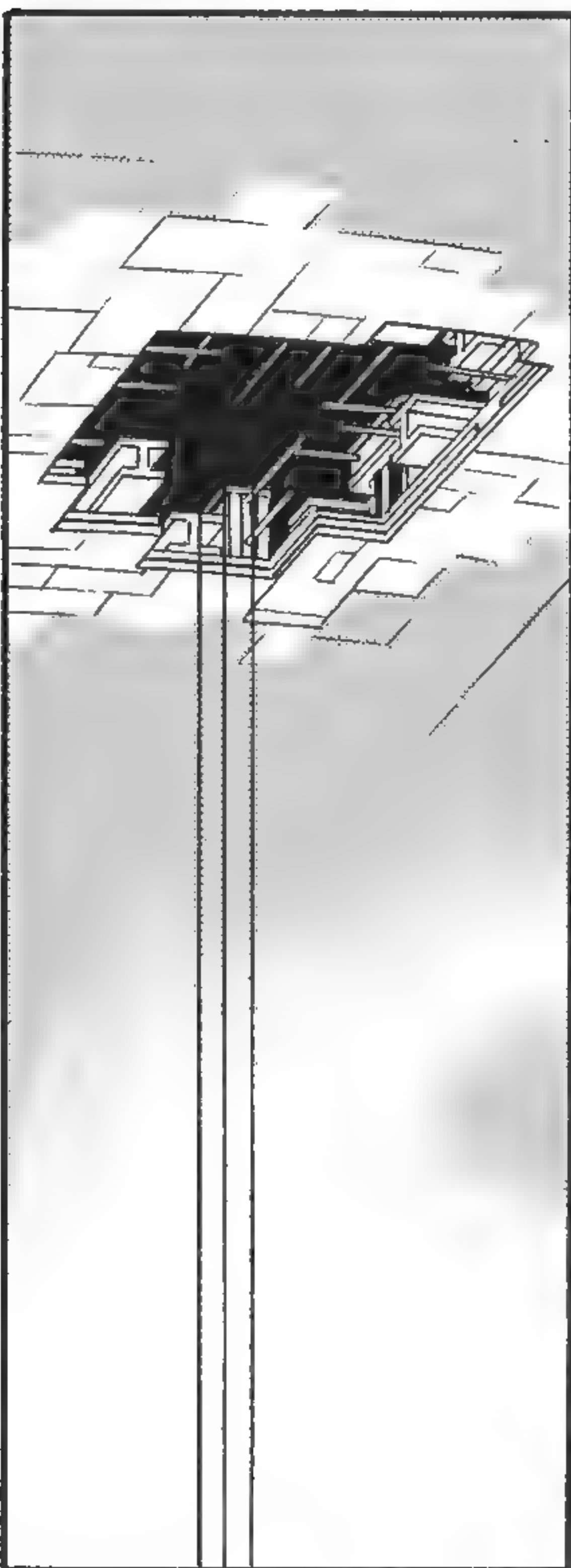
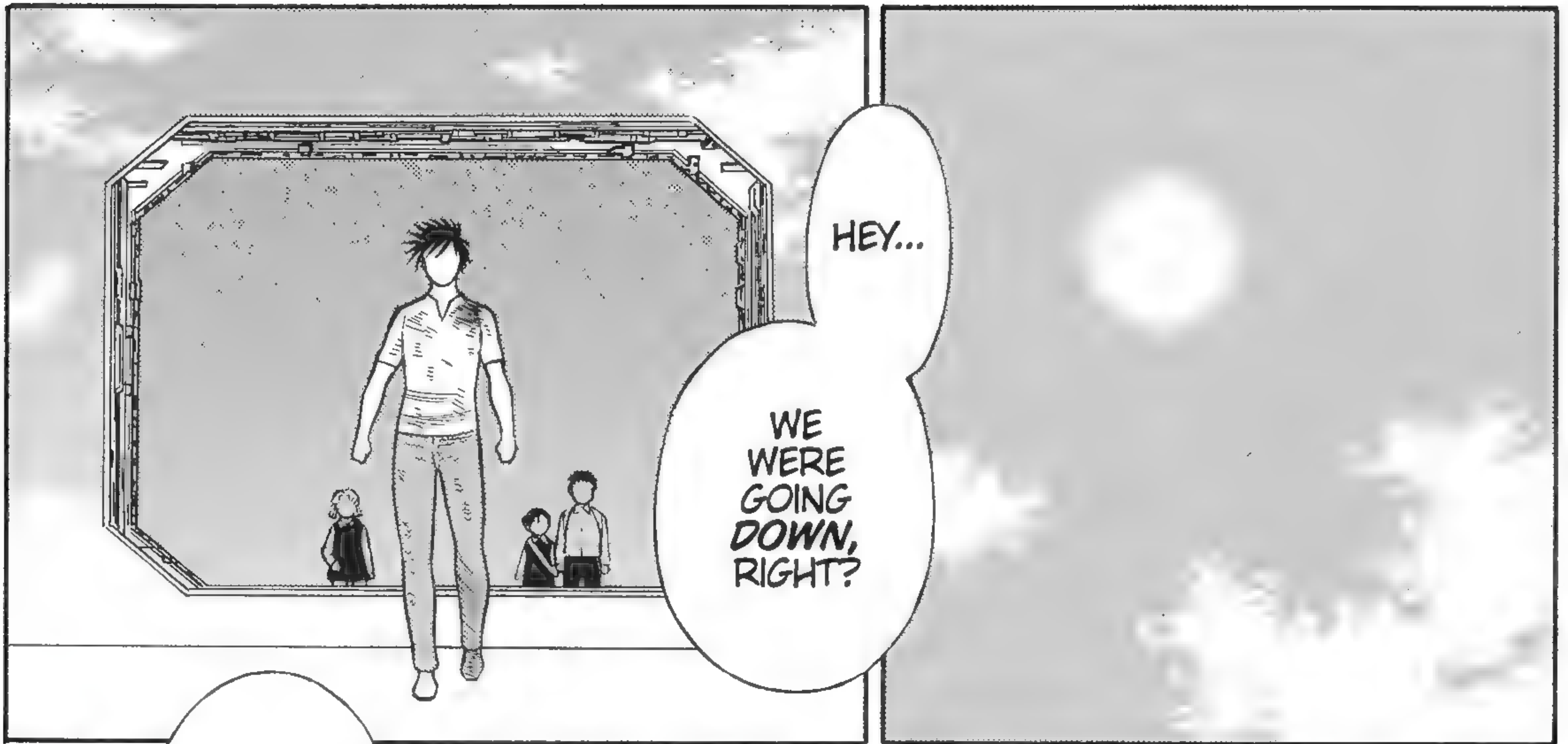
VRISH
VRISH
VRISH

PSSHHH









IT
CAN'T
BE...

THE
CEILING
...?

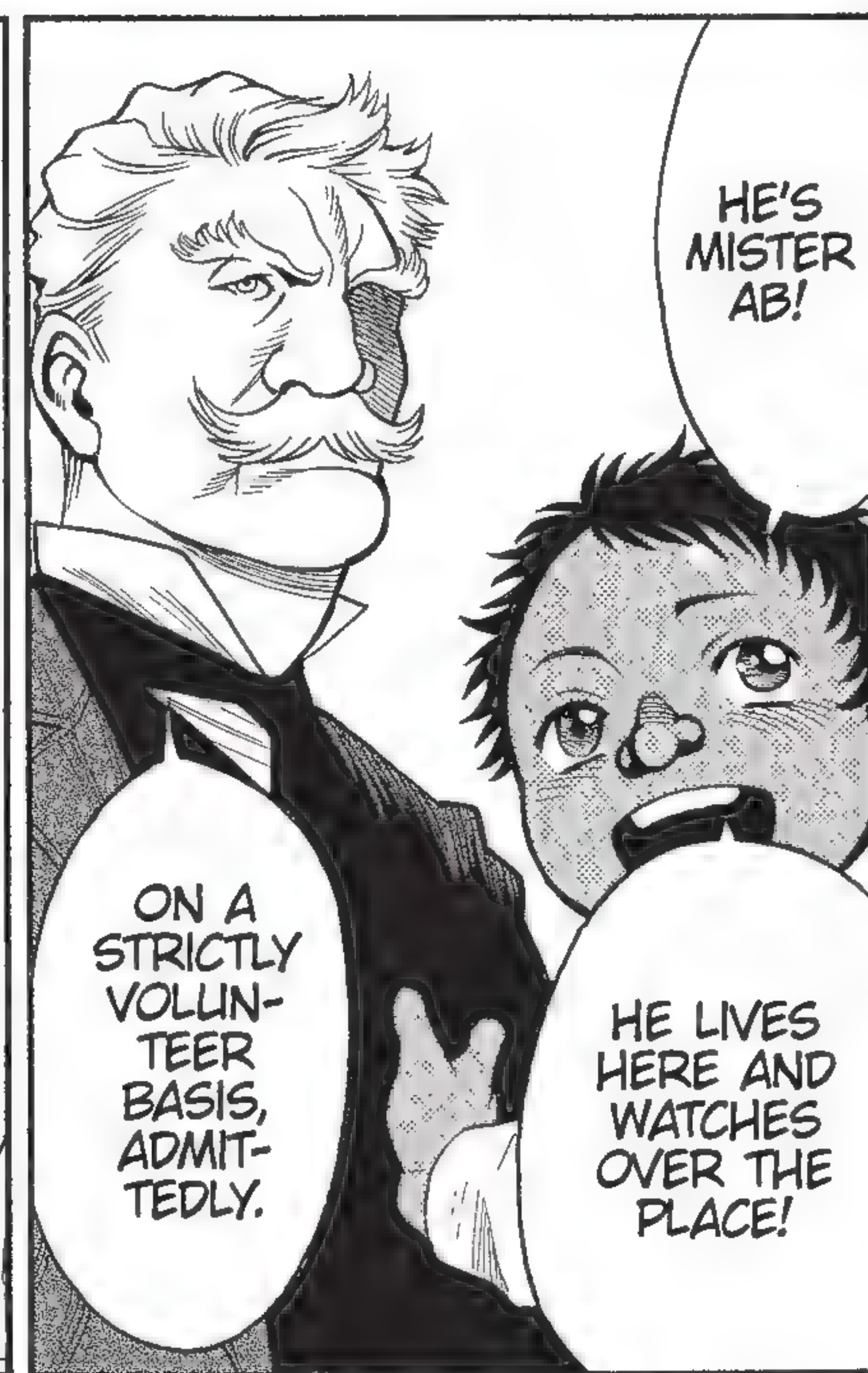
A
CAVERN
...

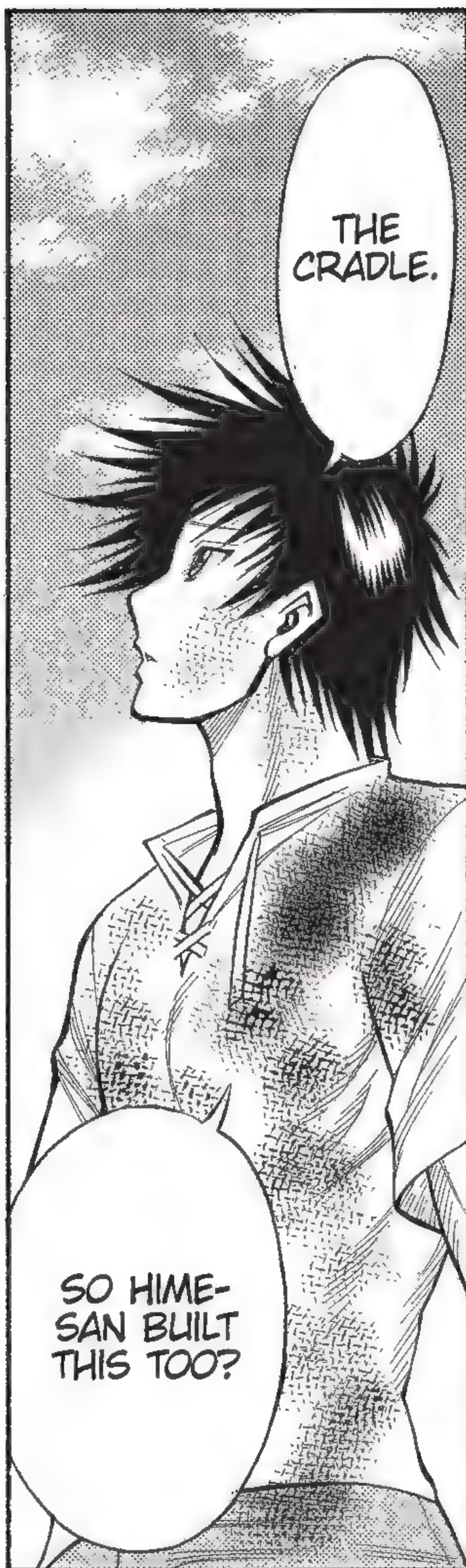
UNDER
TOKYO
BAY? HOW
IS THIS
POSSIBLE?

OOO,
MISTER
AB!

THIS IS THE
DEEPEST
PART
OF THE
BLIND--
THE
CRADLE.

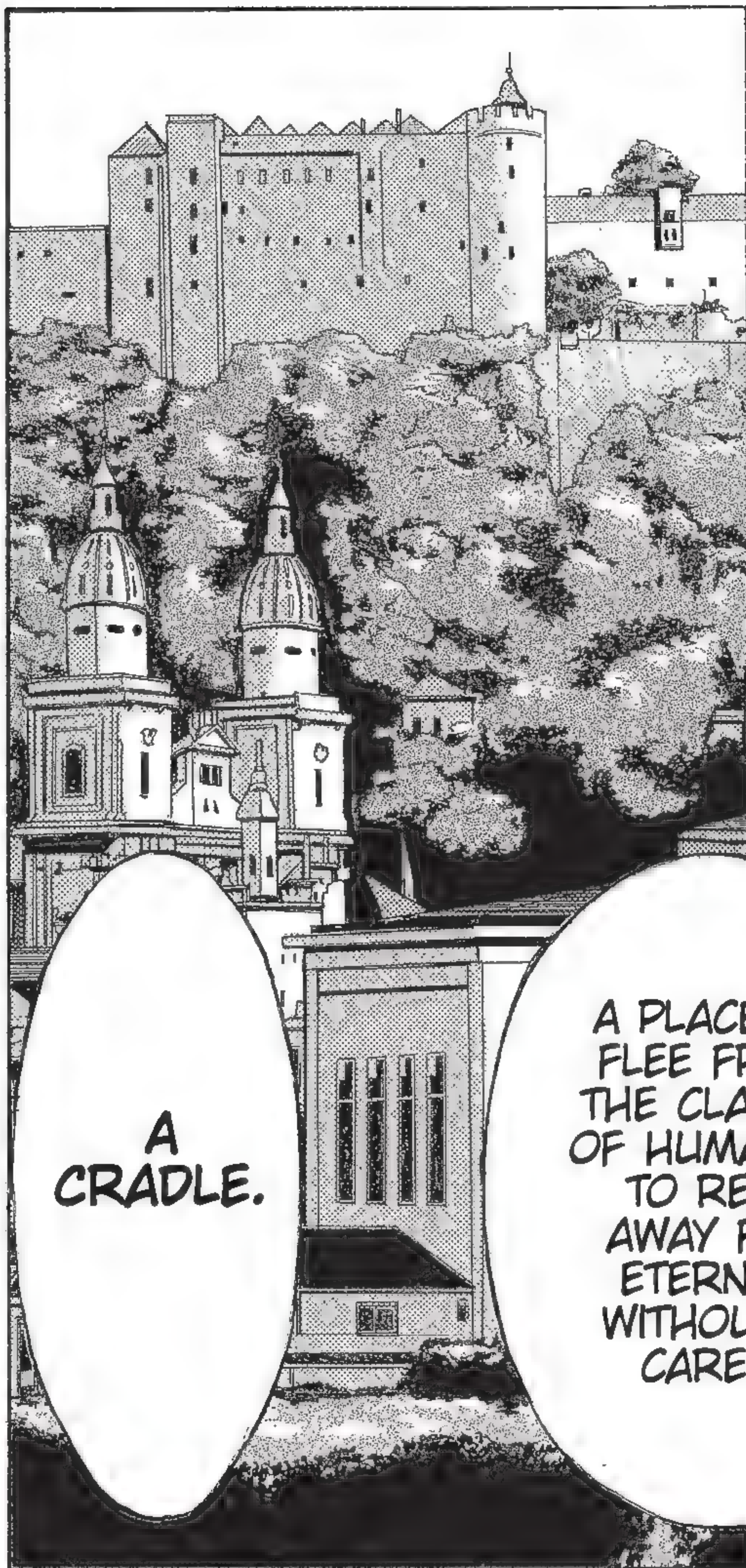
IT'S THIS
MASSIVE
CAVERN
FIVE KILO-
METERS IN
DIAMETER.





THE
CRADLE.

SO HIME-
SAN BUILT
THIS TOO?



A
CRADLE.

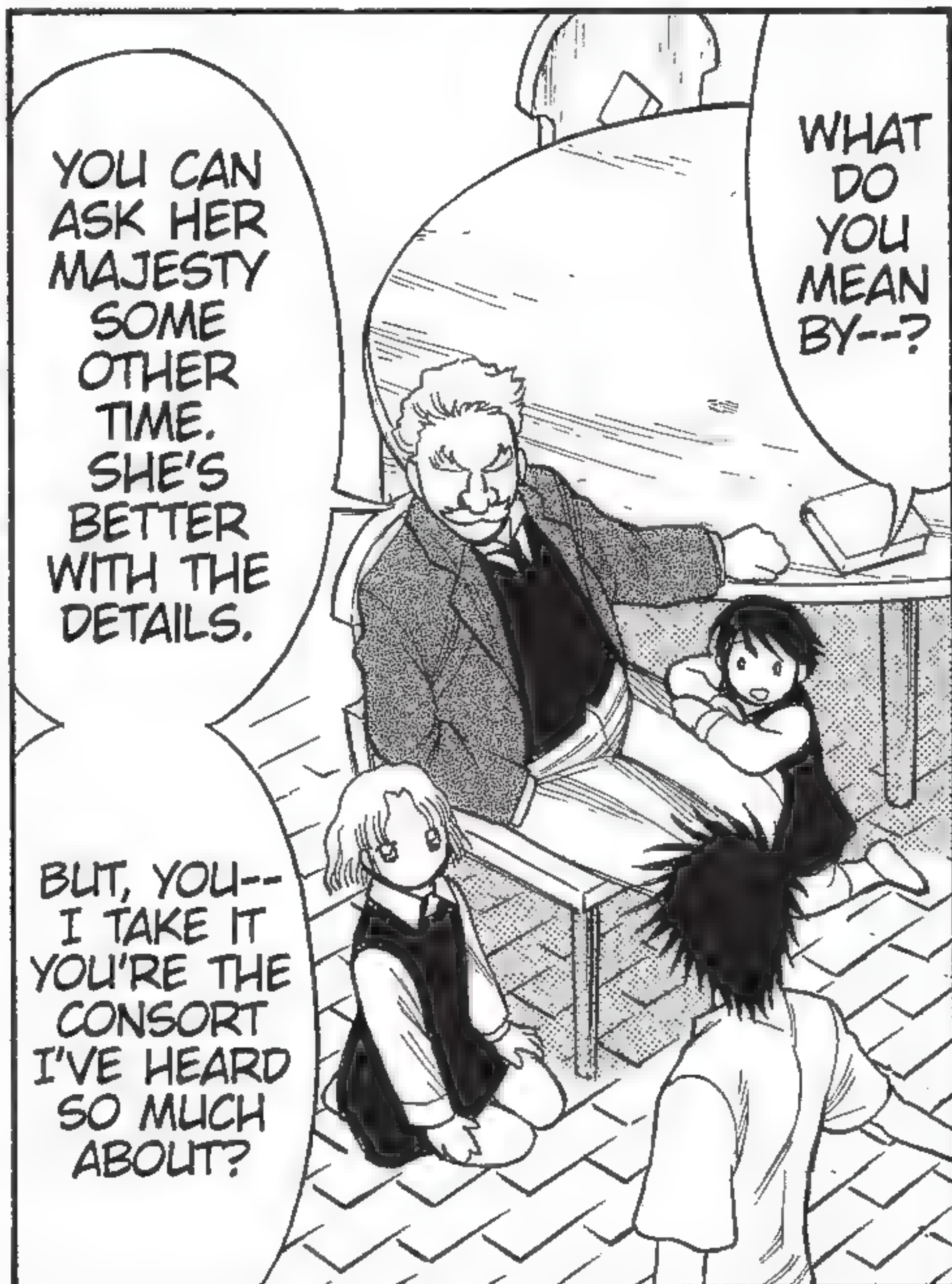
A PLACE TO
FLEE FROM
THE CLAMOR
OF HUMANITY,
TO REST
AWAY FOR
ETERNITY
WITHOUT A
CARE...



IT IS A
REFUGE
FROM THE
WEAPON
KNOWN AS
HUMAN
NATURE.



IT'S
NOT...
LIKE
THAT...



YOU CAN
ASK HER
MAJESTY
SOME
OTHER
TIME.
SHE'S
BETTER
WITH THE
DETAILS.

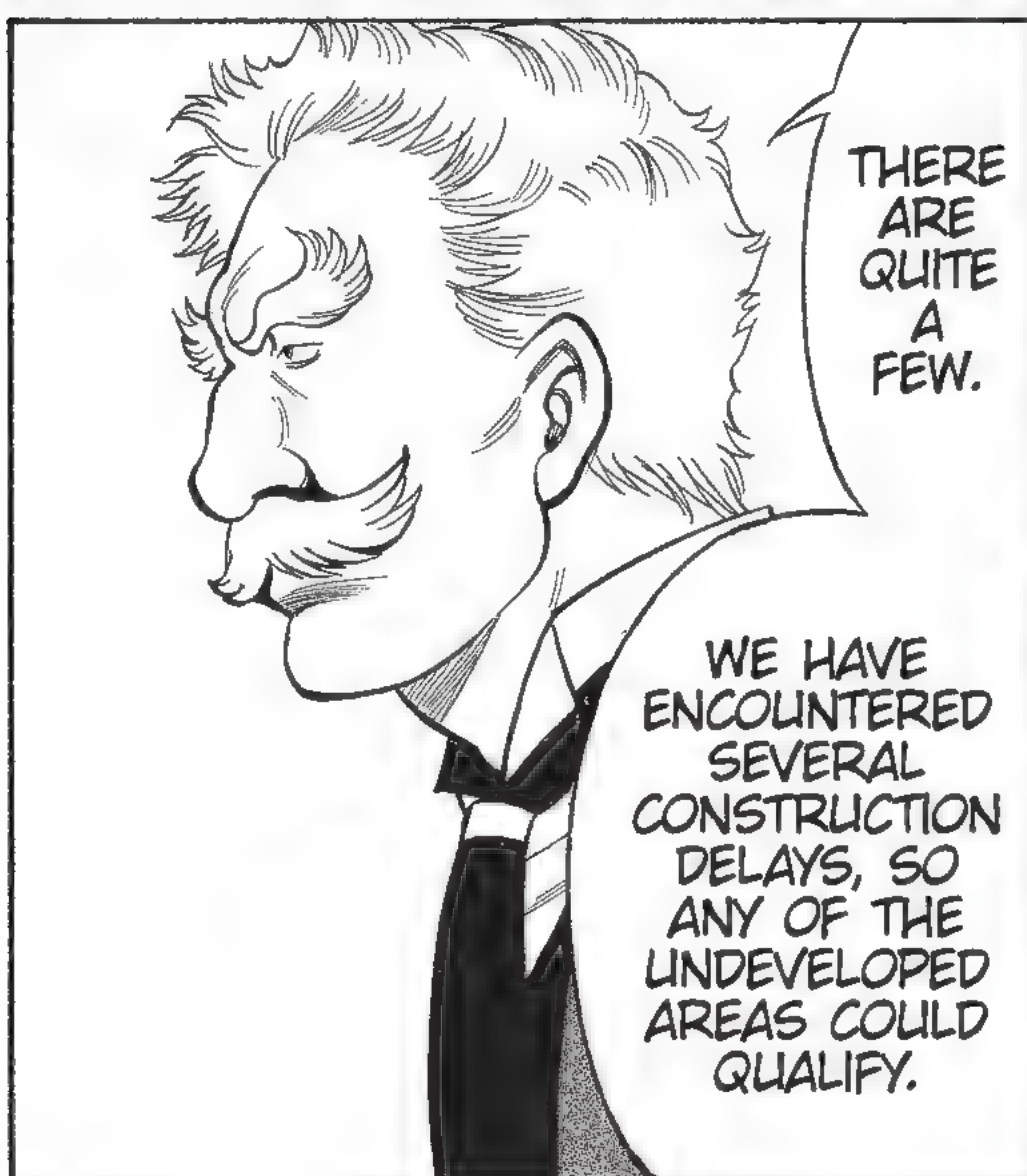
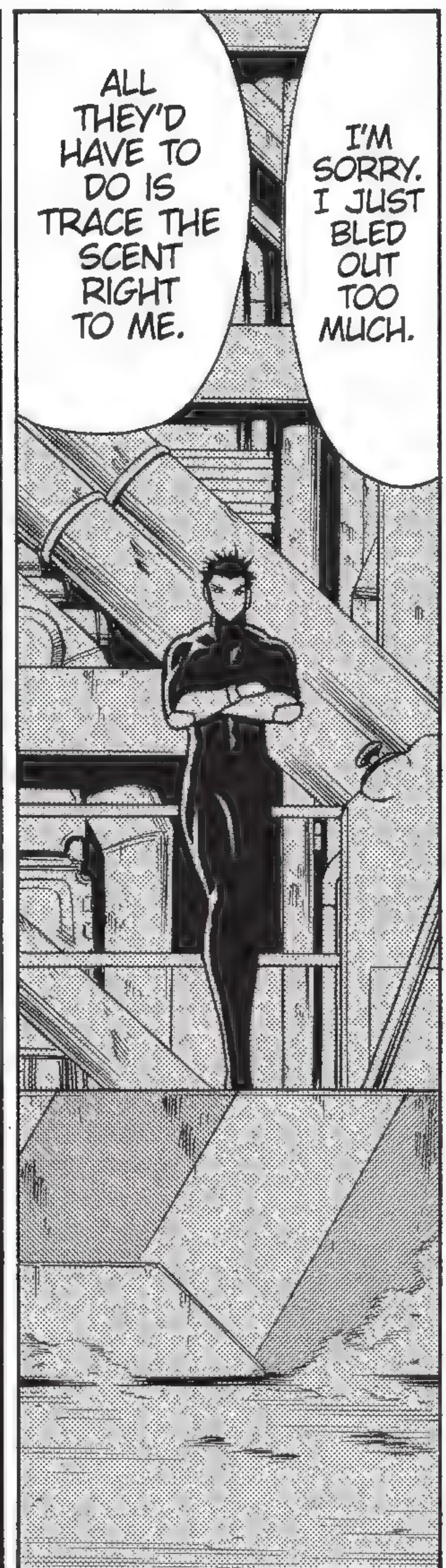
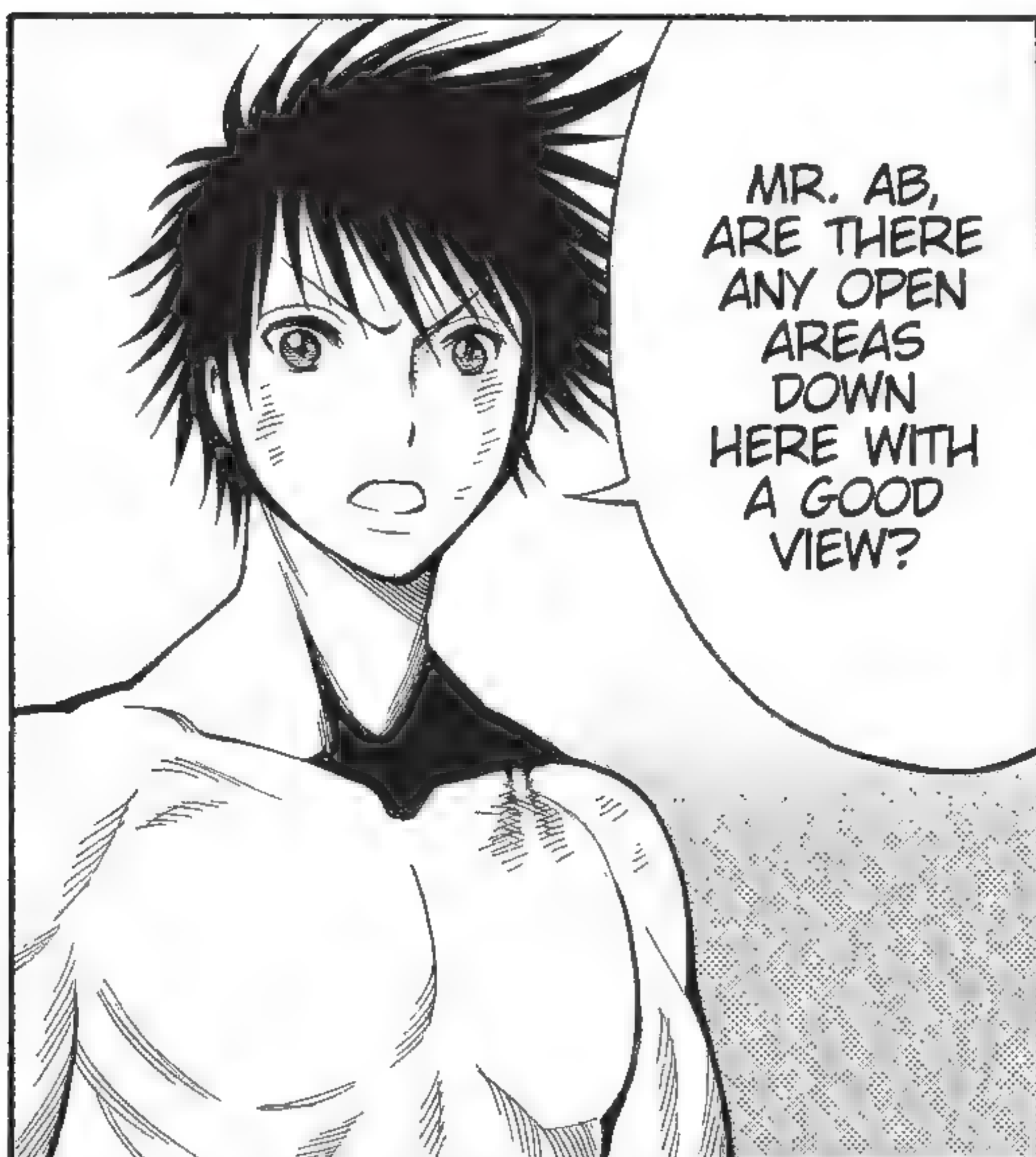
BUT, YOU--
I TAKE IT
YOU'RE THE
CONSORT
I'VE HEARD
SO MUCH
ABOUT?

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN
BY--?



INDEED,
THIS IS
THE
VERY
HEART
OF THE
BLIND.

ITS
TRUE
NATURE.

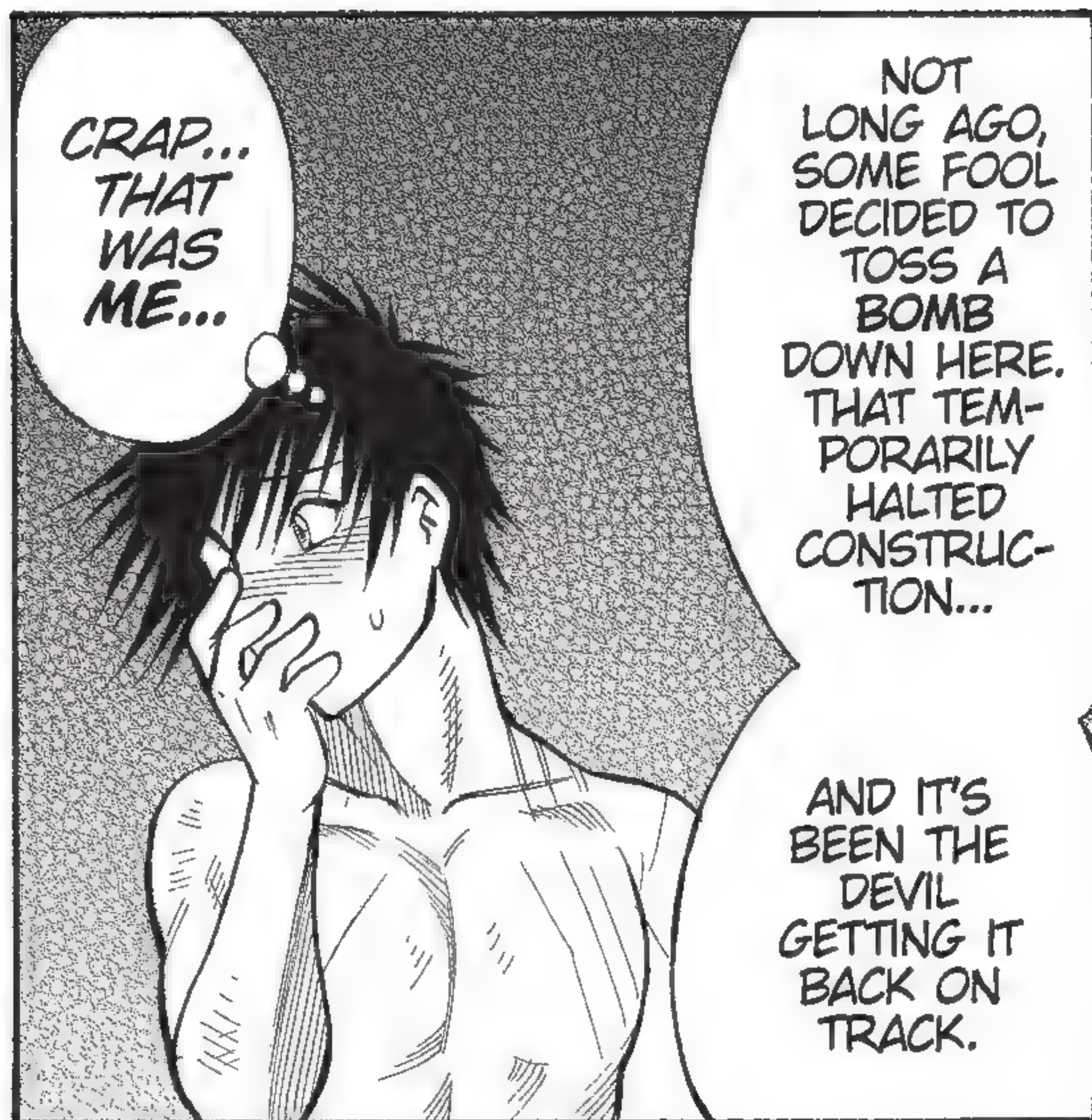




FEEL FREE
TO BATTLE
AS MUCH AS
YOU LIKE...
AS LONG AS
YOU DON'T
DAMAGE THE
SURROUND-
INGS.

AT THIS
CURRENT
TIME, CON-
STRUCTION
HAS
STOPPED
BECAUSE
OF A DEC-
LARATION
OF EMER-
GENCY.

THUS I
AM THE
ONLY ONE
HERE.



CRAP...
THAT
WAS
ME...

NOT
LONG AGO,
SOME FOOL
DECIDED TO
TOSS A
BOMB
DOWN HERE.
THAT TEM-
PORARILY
HALTED CON-
STRUC-
TION...

AND IT'S
BEEN THE
DEVIL
GETTING IT
BACK ON
TRACK.



THEN
PER-
HAPS
YOU
CAN
HELP
ME...

DO YOU
HAPPEN
TO KNOW
WHO OR
WHAT "THE
CORSICAN
BROTHERS"
ARE?

ONE OF
THE GUYS
THAT'S
AFTER
ME SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THEM.



YOU'RE
AN
AUTHOR?

OH, I
HAVEN'T
PENNE
ANYTHING
IN CLOSE
TO A
CENTURY.
BUT YES,
QUITE SO.



SEEMS
YOU
READ IT
TOO.
WAS IT
INTER-
ESTING?

MR. AB,
HERE'S
THE
BOOK
I BOR-
ROWED.

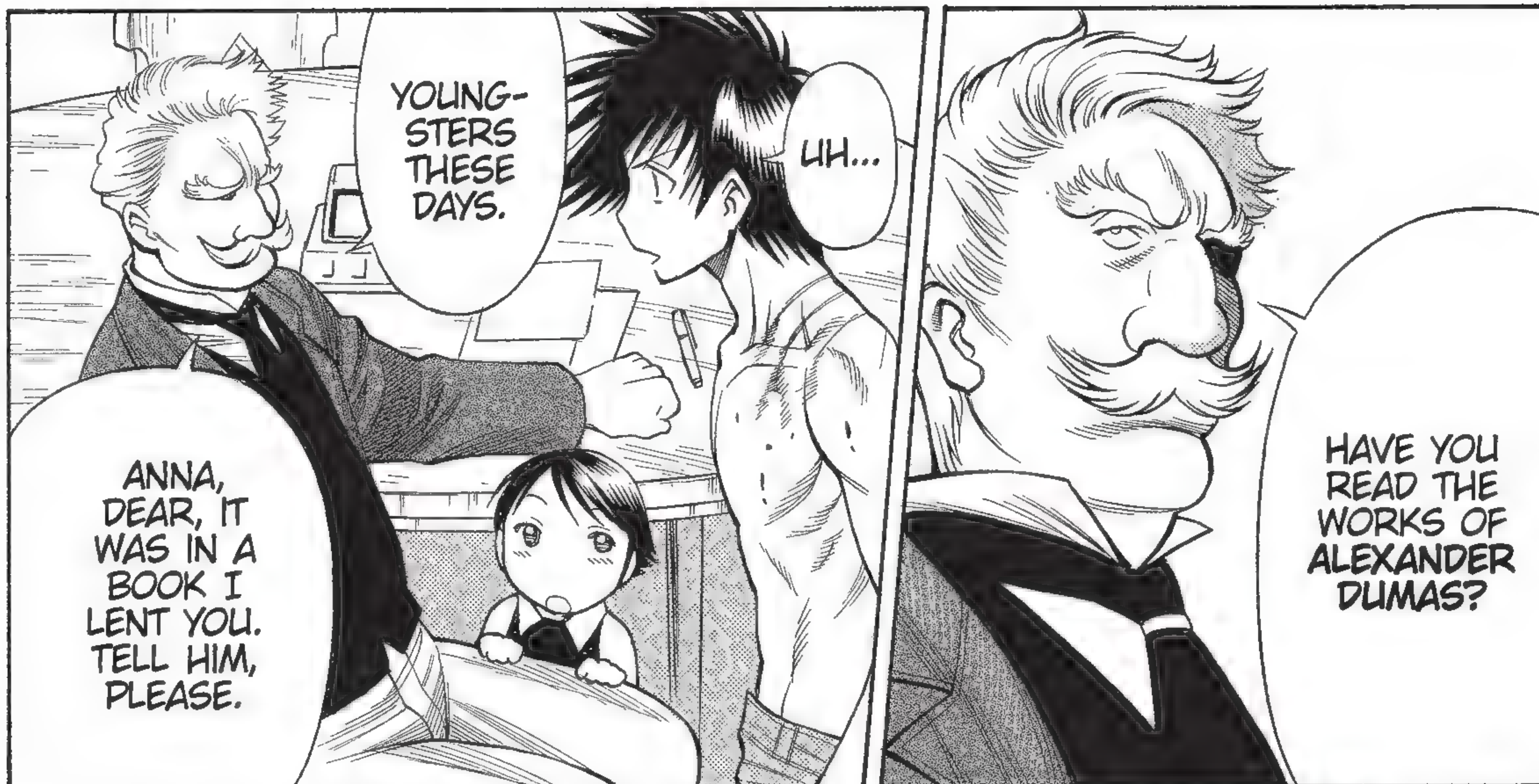
YEP!



HM.

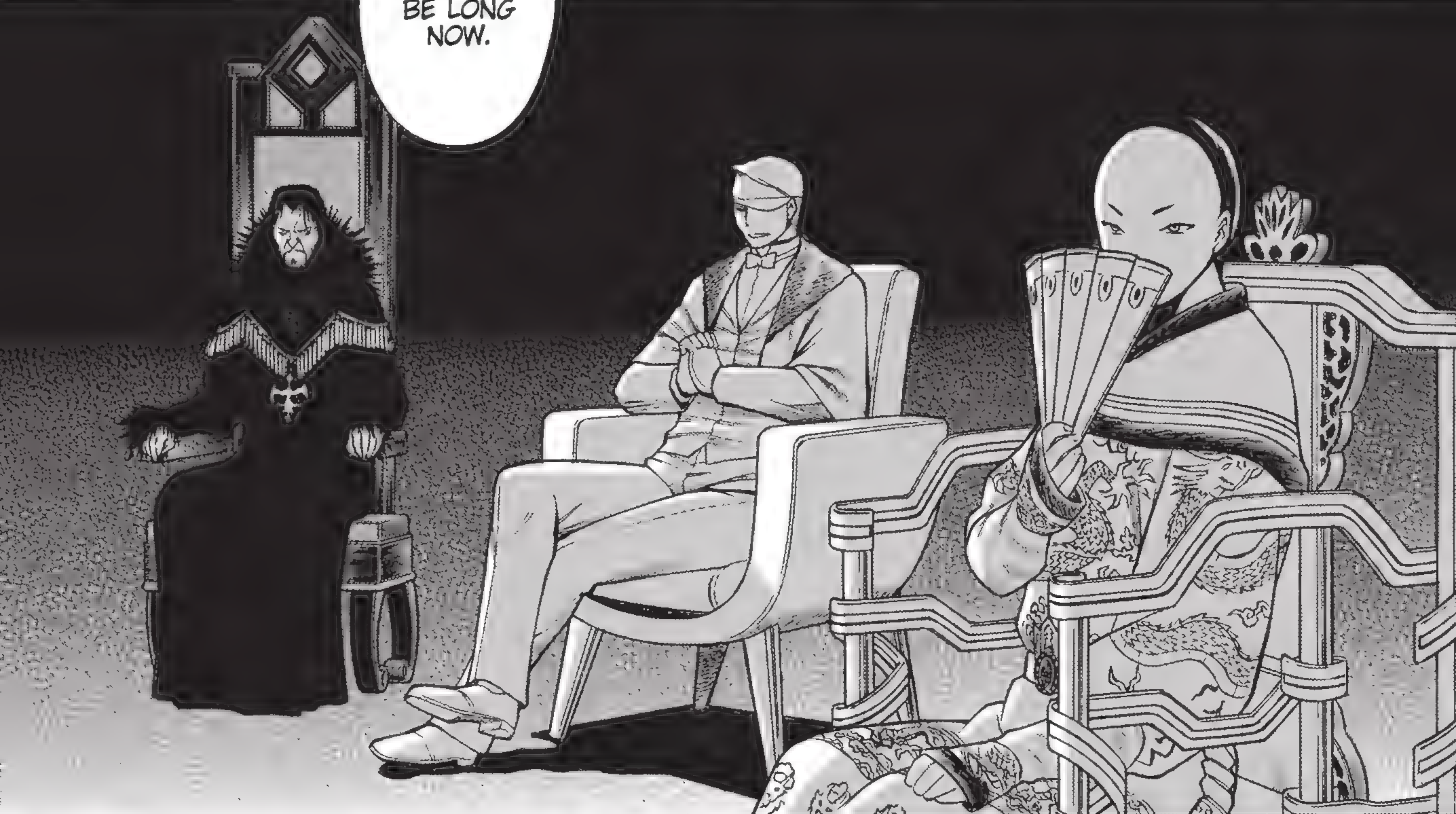
OOO,
I WANT
A BOOK
YOU
WROTE!
CAN I
GET ONE
OF
THOSE?!

IN THAT
CASE, TAKE
ANOTHER.
ANY THAT
STRIKES
YOUR
FANCY.



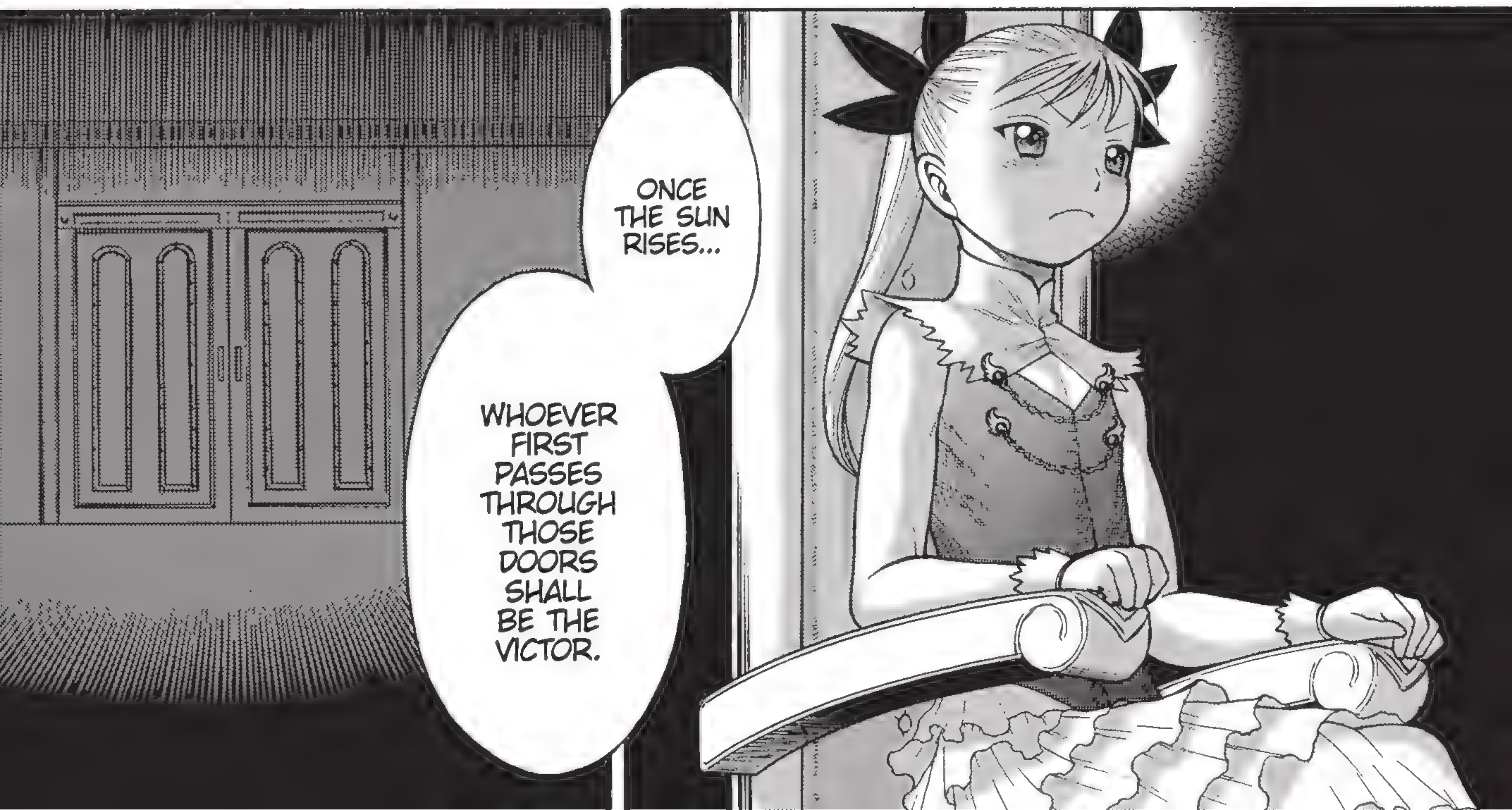
DAWN
SHALL
SOON BE
UPON US,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

YES,
IT SHAN'T
BE LONG
NOW.



ONCE
THE SUN
RISES...

WHOEVER
FIRST
PASSES
THROUGH
THOSE
DOORS
SHALL
BE THE
VICTOR.



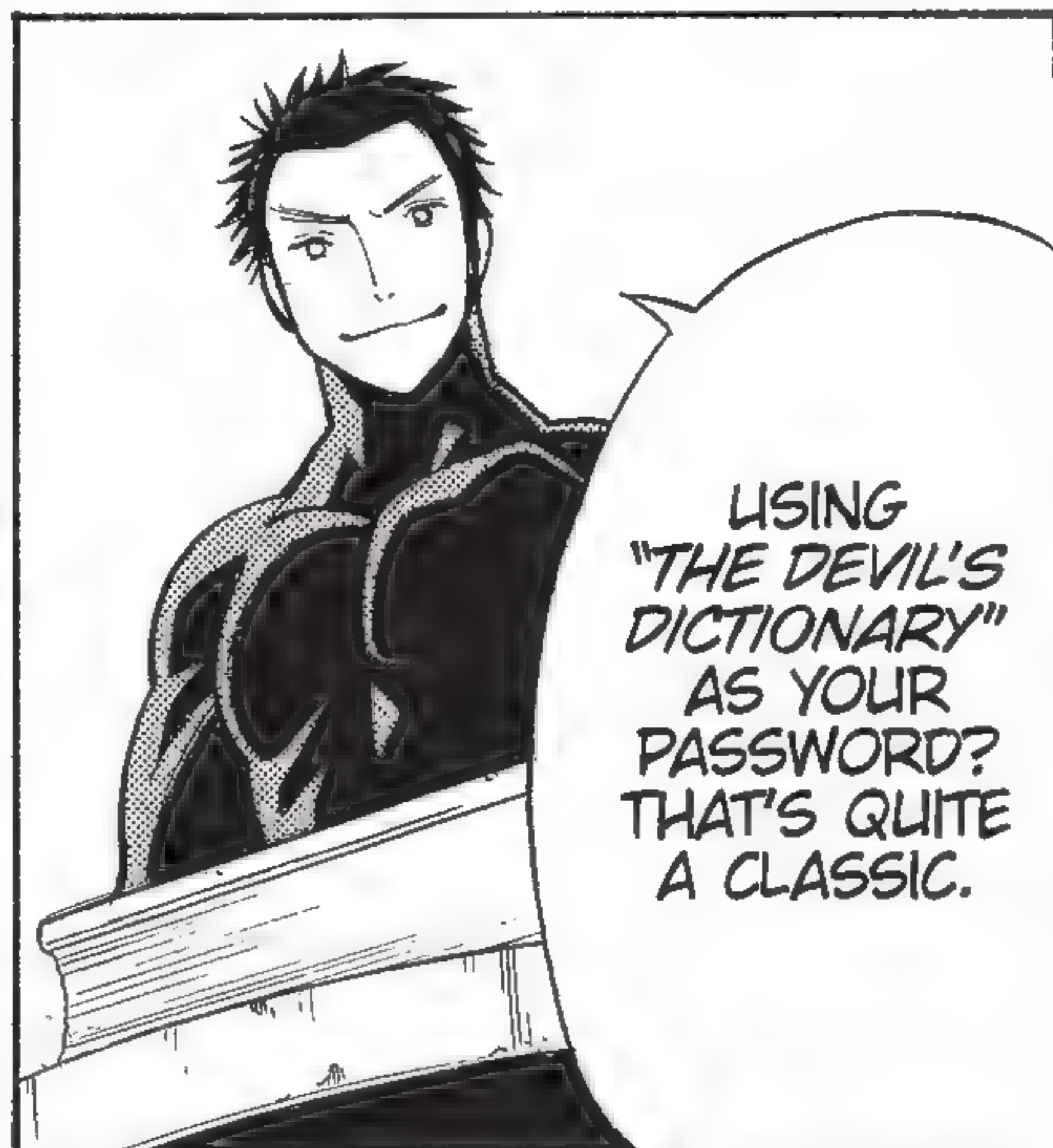
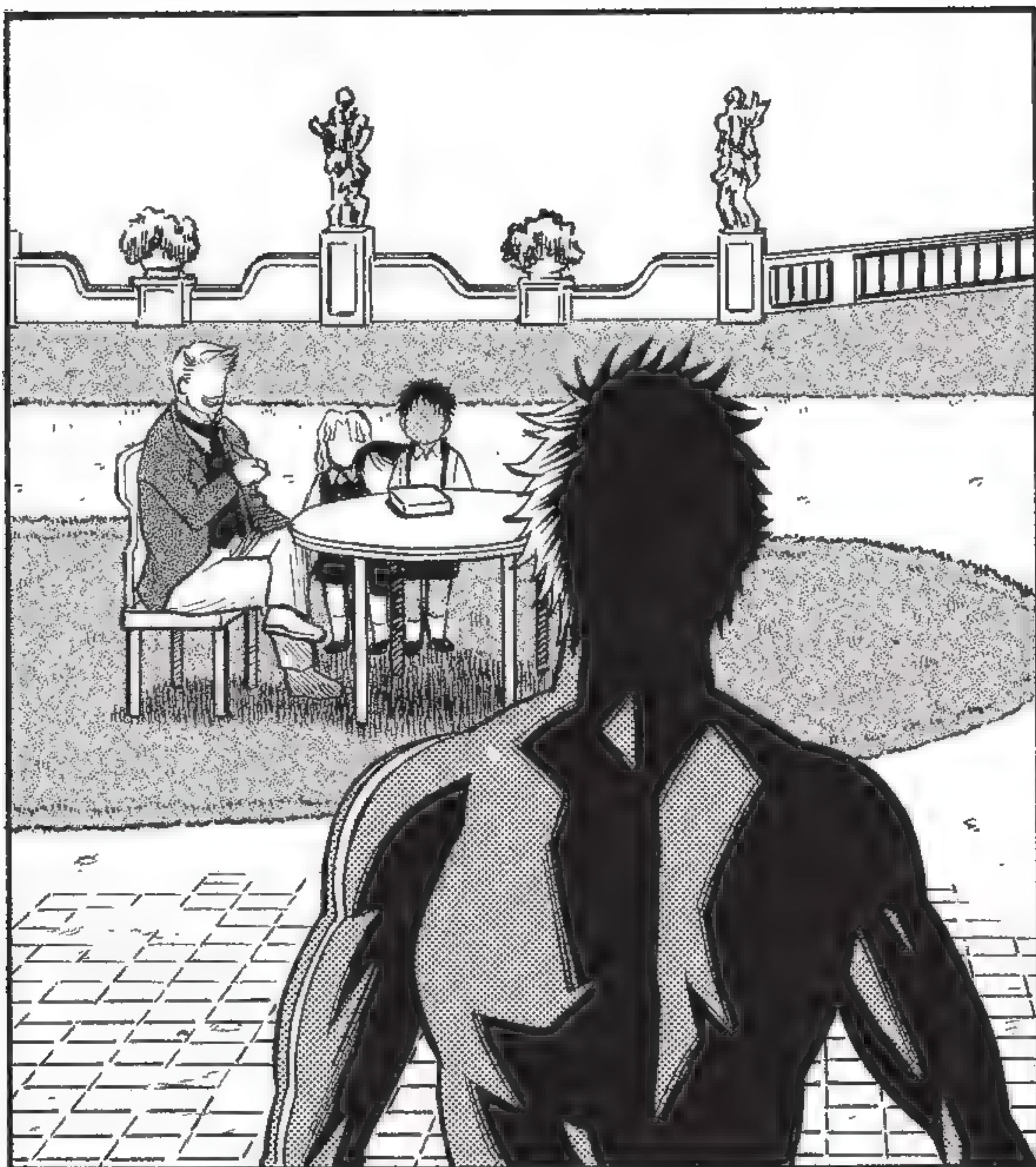
WHAT
ARE THE
WAGES
OF
CONSIS-
TENCY?

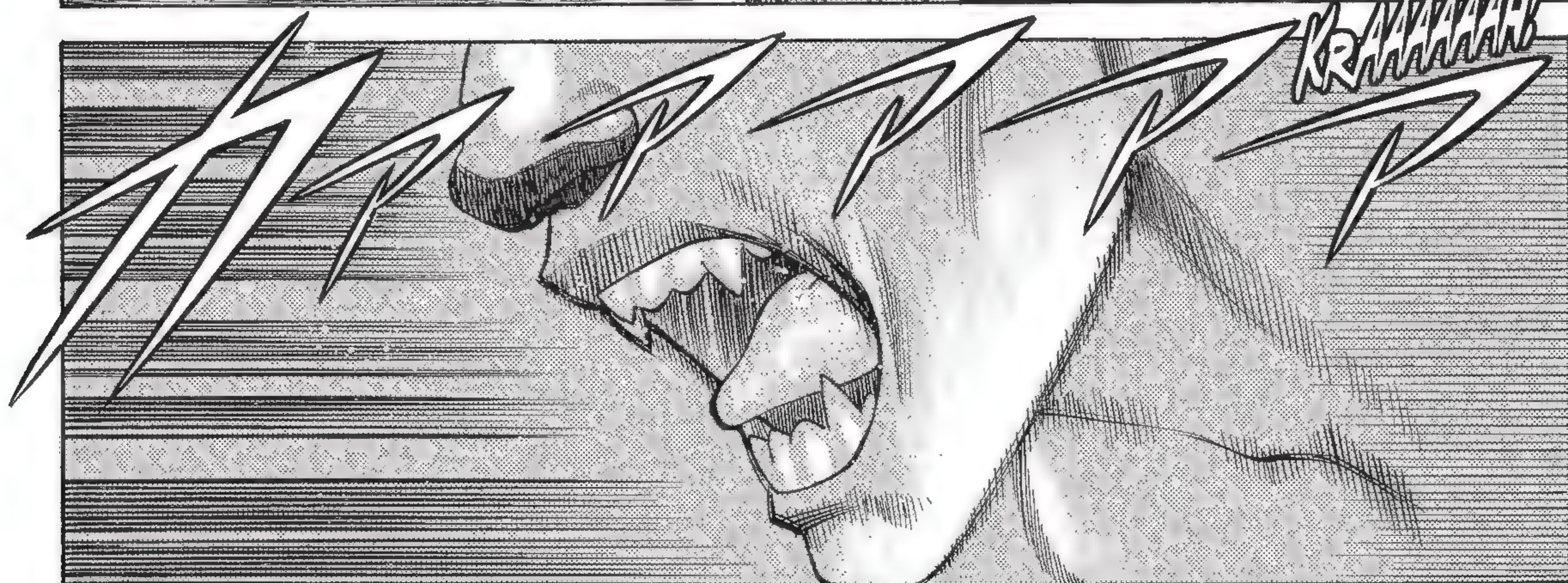
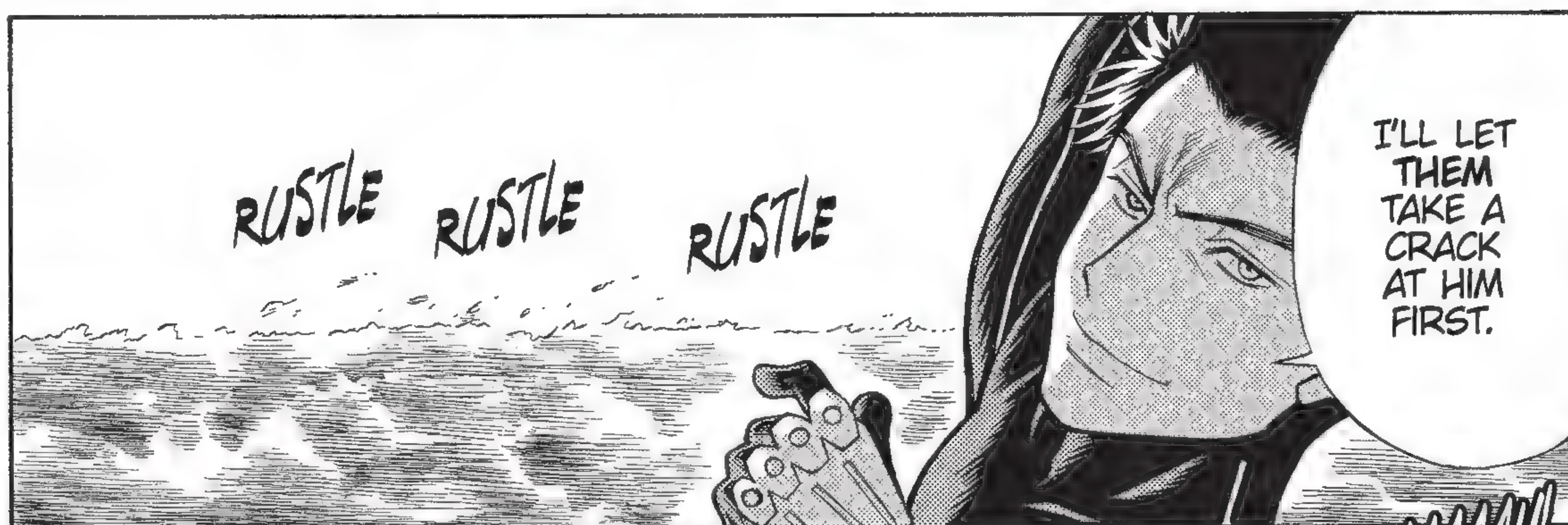
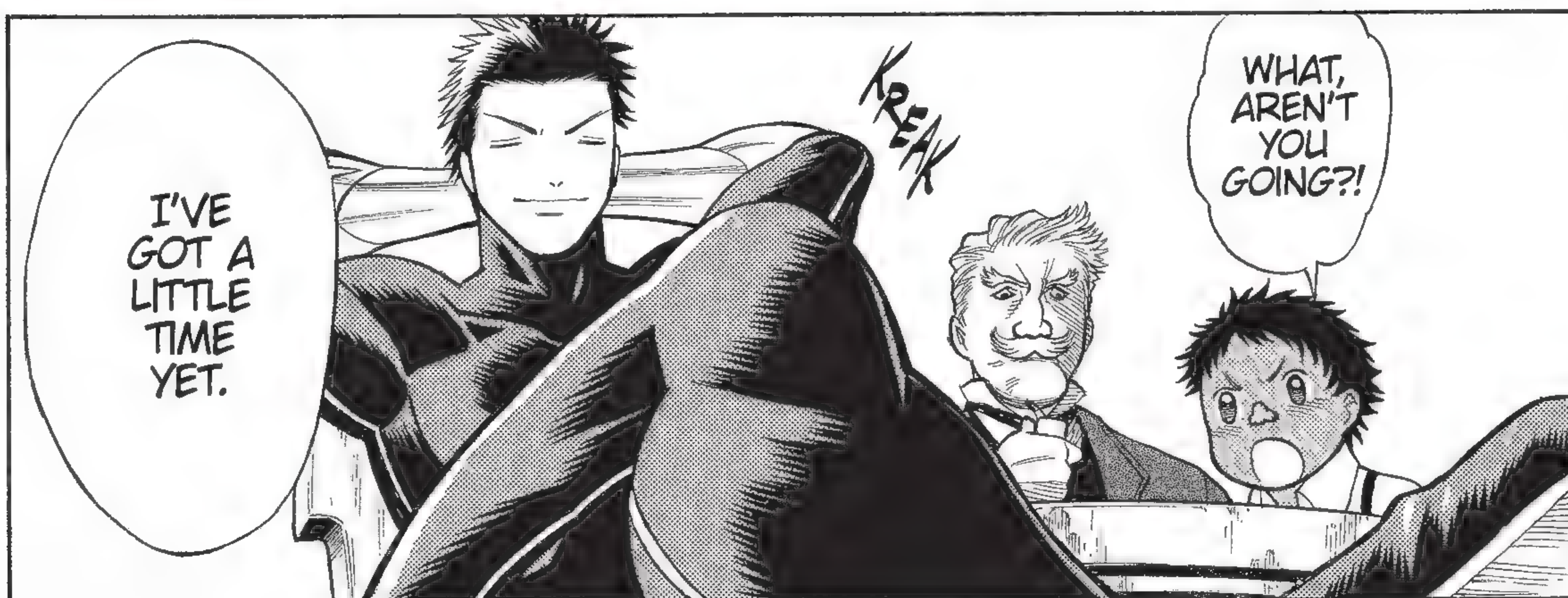
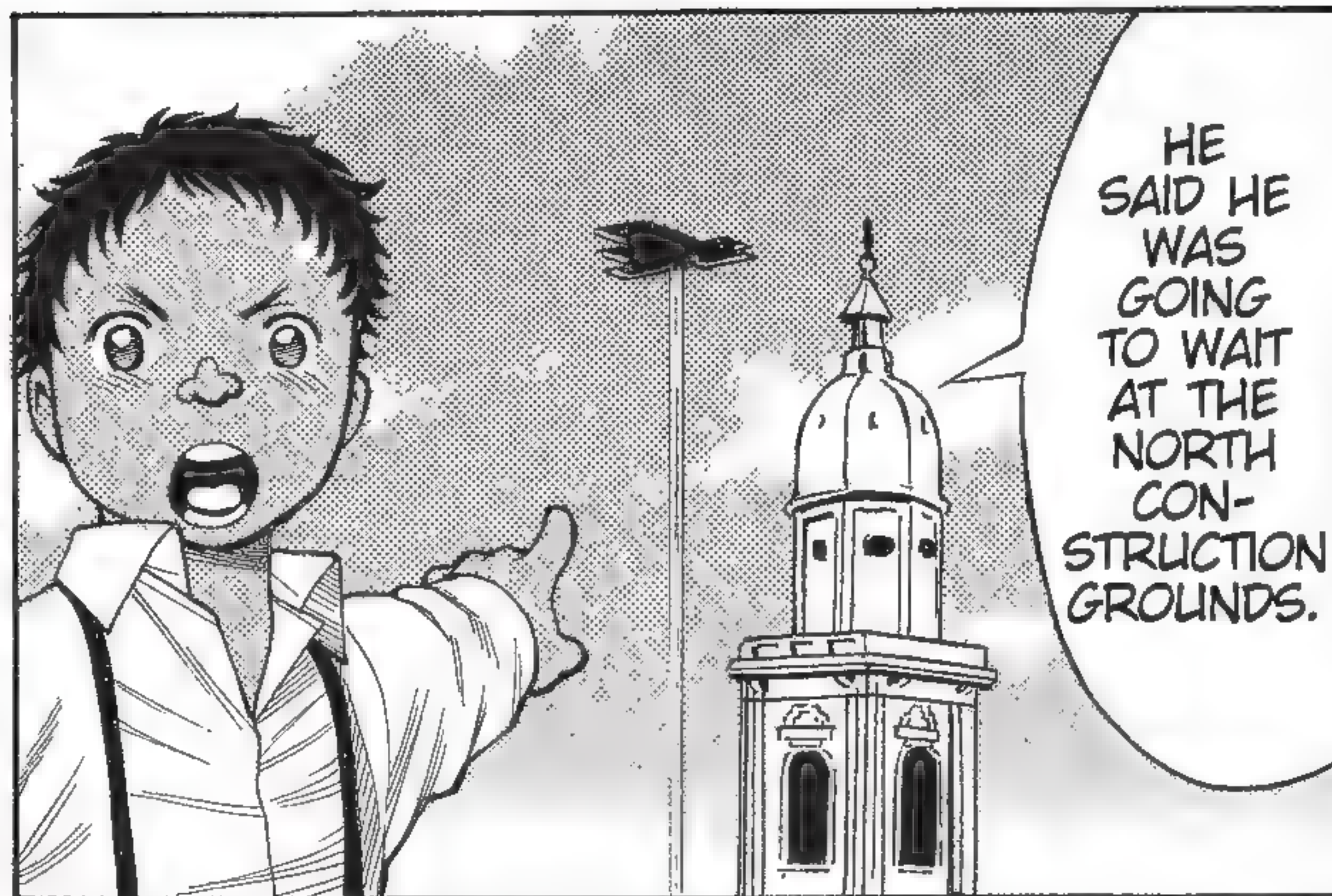
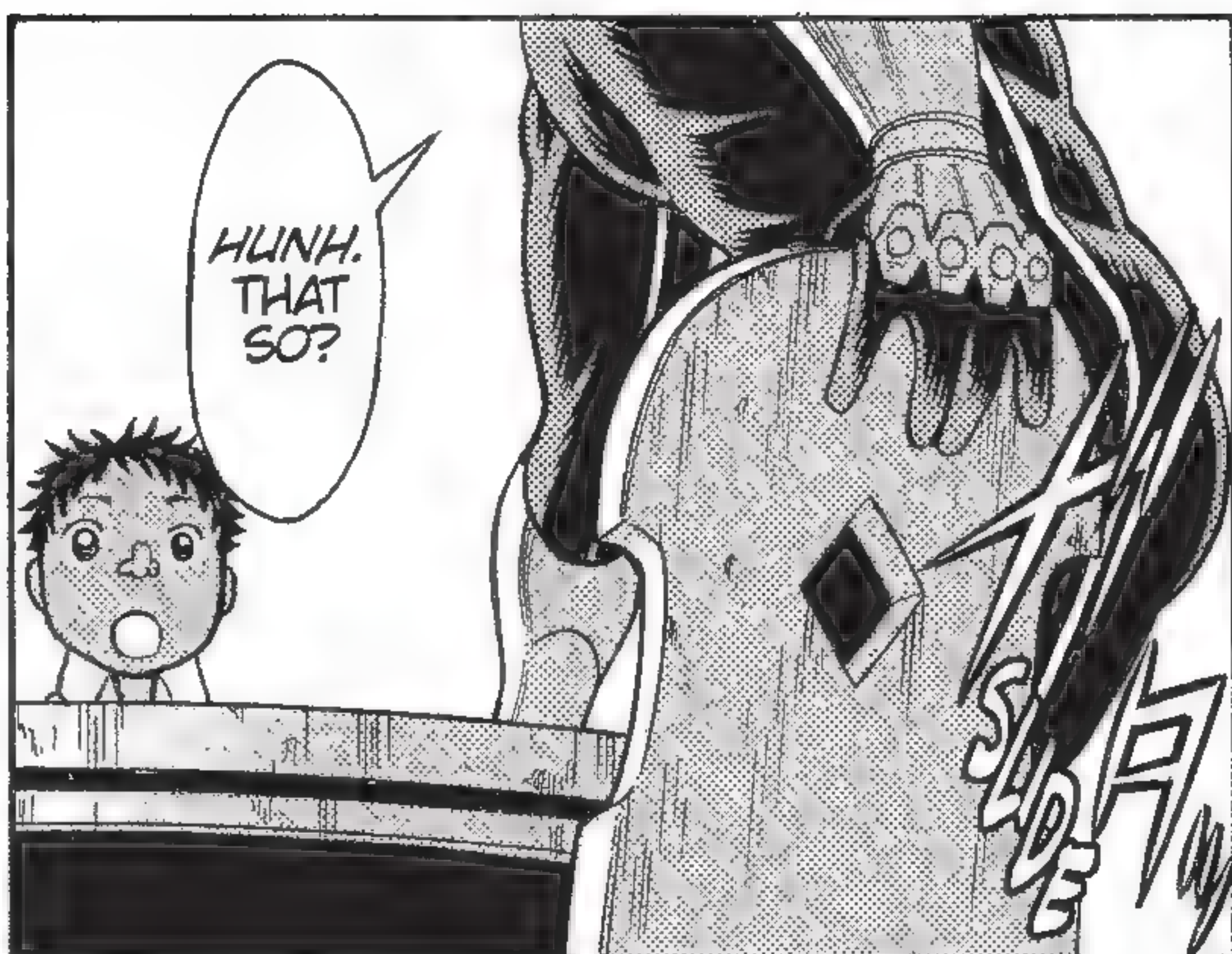
"A
PREDICA-
MENT"...?

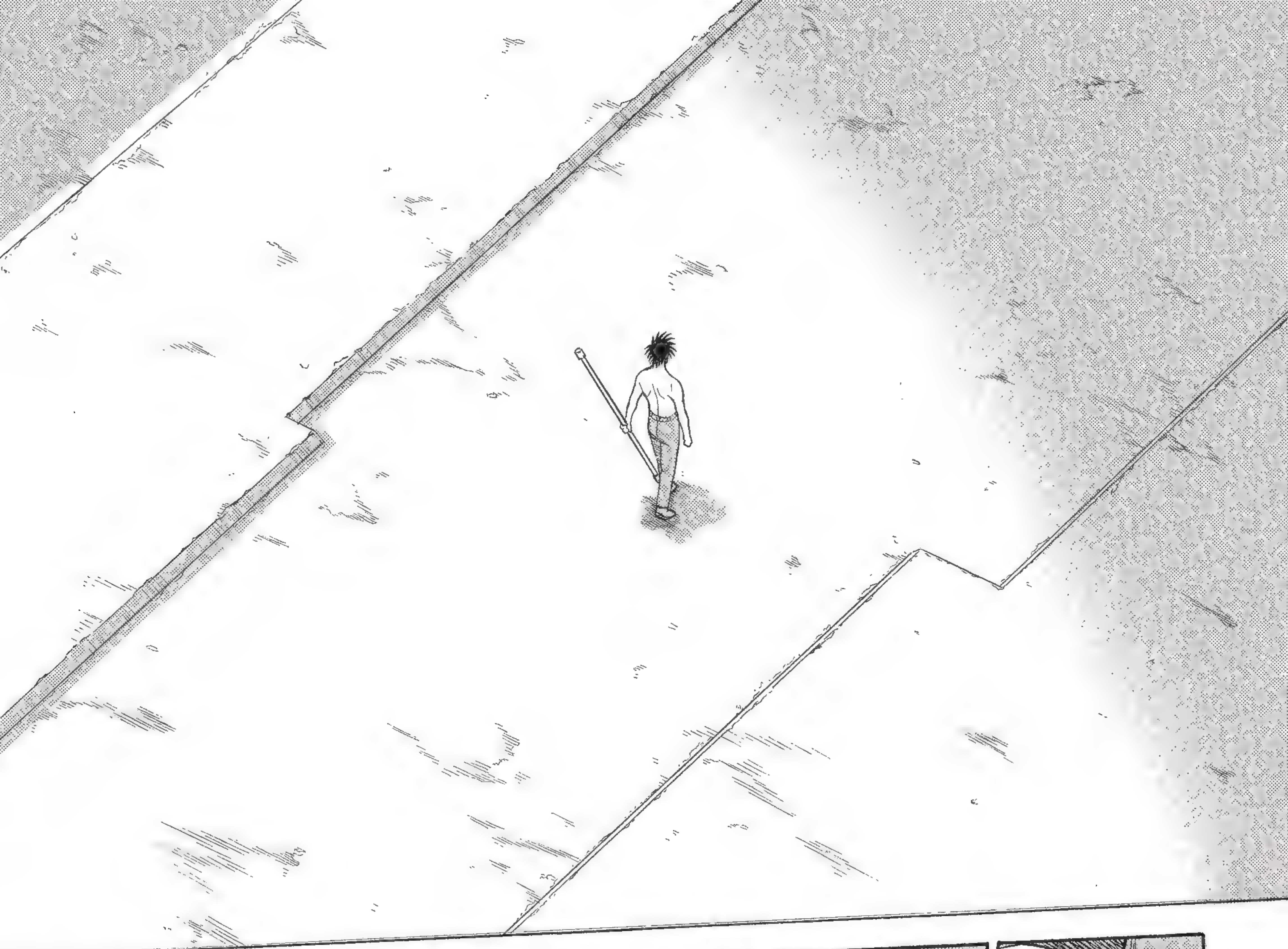
THE
MORNING
SUN WILL
RISE.

I AM
LOOKING
FORWARD
...

TO SEEING
IN WHOSE
HONOR...







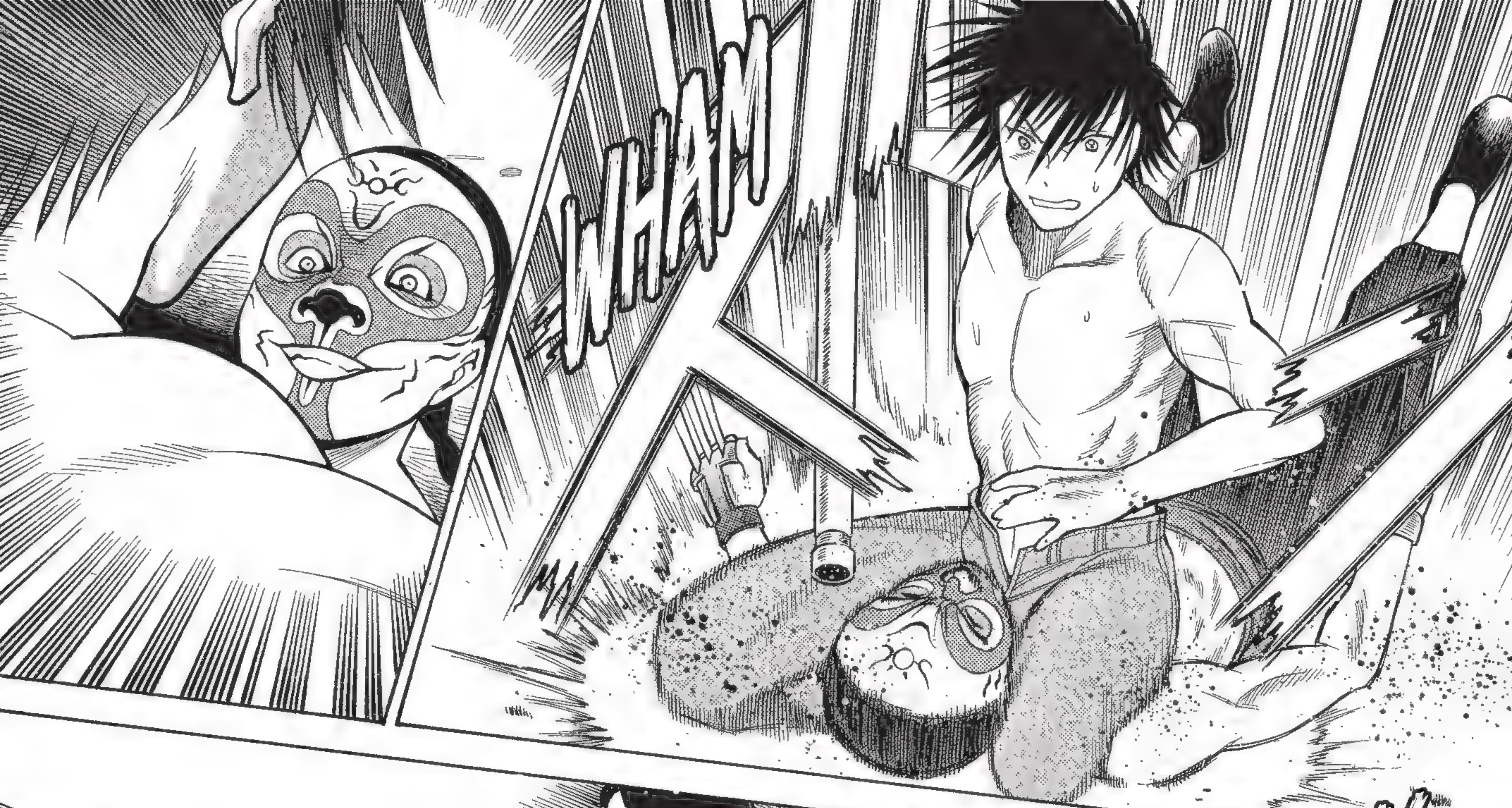
AND BY
THEN...



THE NEXT
SPASM
SHOULD
BE MY
LAST.





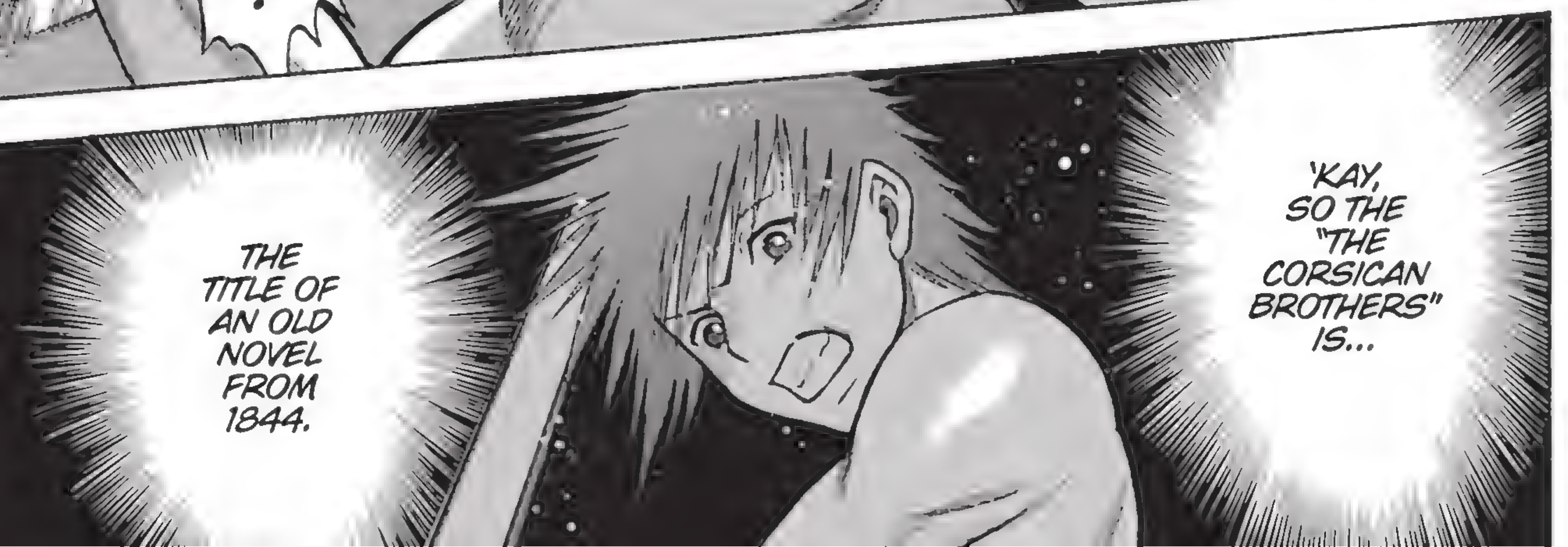
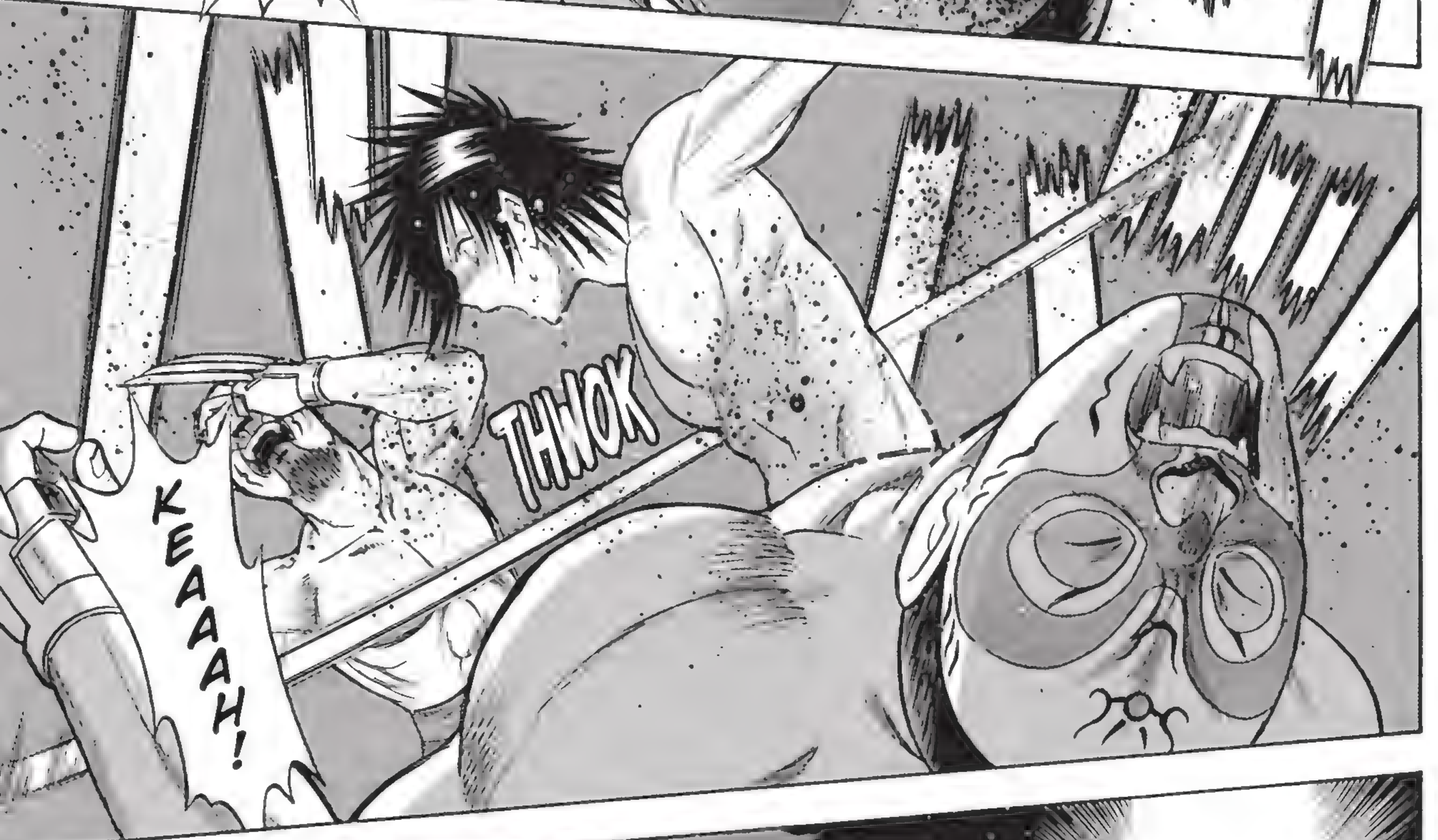
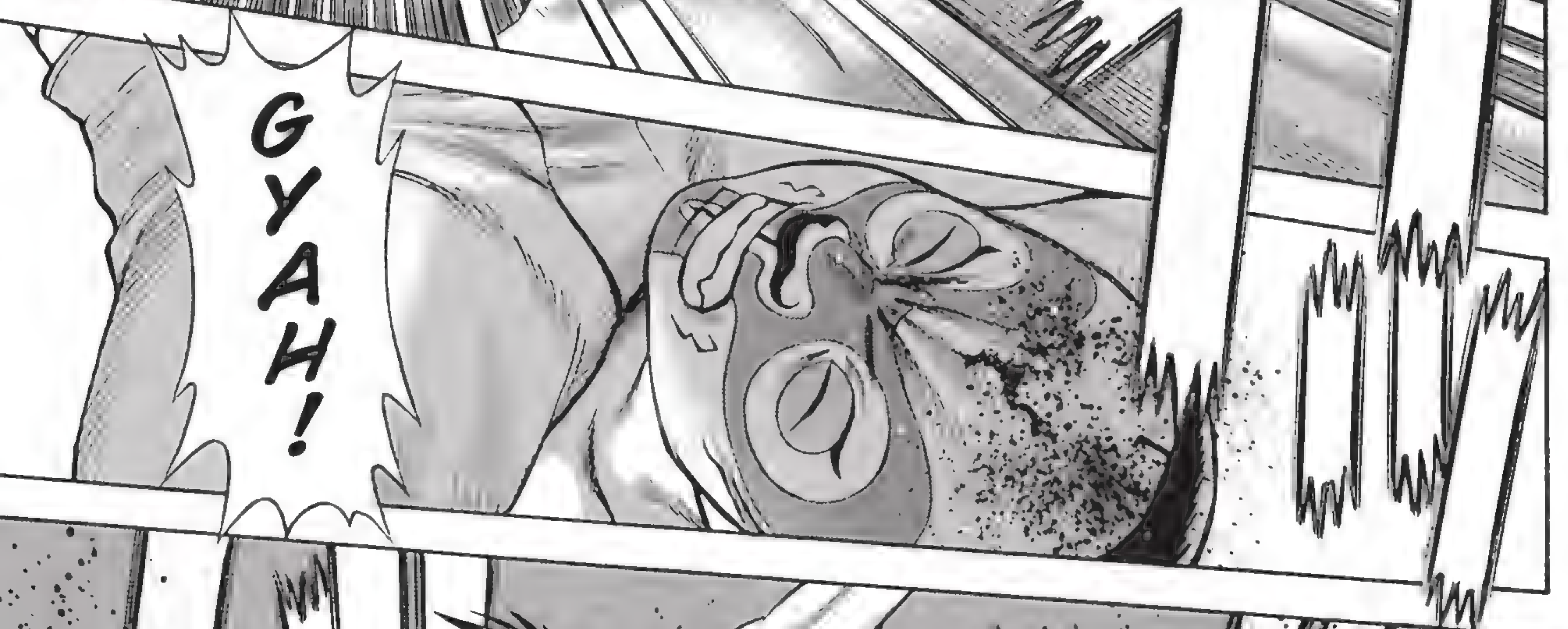




JUST SO
YOU KNOW,
THERE'S
NOWHERE TO
HIDE HERE.
YOUR LITTLE
TRICK'S
NOT GONNA
CUT IT.

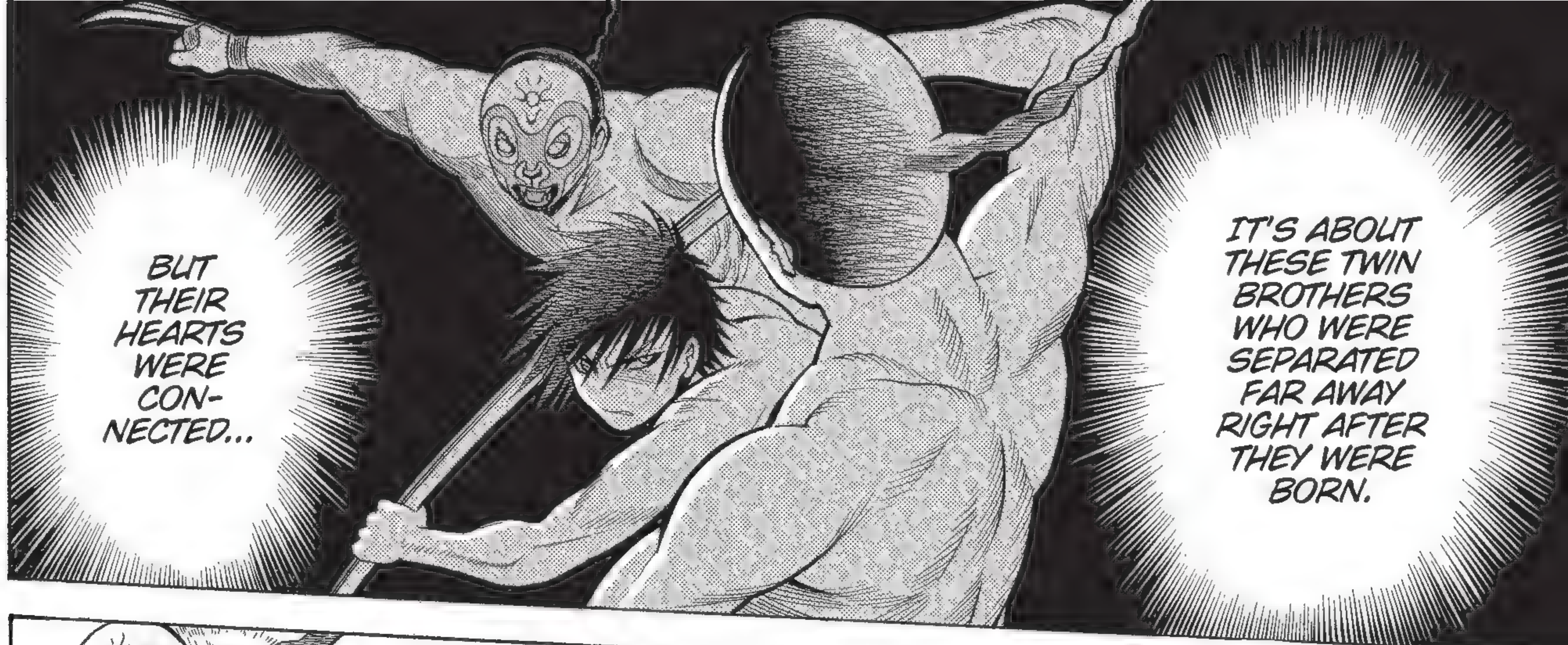
SO, YOU
GLYS DID
COME
TOGETHER.

AND SINCE
TIME'S
ALMOST UP,
I KNEW
YOU'D HAVE
TO GO
ALL OR
NOTHING!!



THE
TITLE OF
AN OLD
NOVEL
FROM
1844.

'KAY,
SO THE
"THE
CORSICAN
BROTHERS"
IS...



BUT
THEIR
HEARTS
WERE
CON-
NECTED...

IT'S ABOUT
THESE TWIN
BROTHERS
WHO WERE
SEPARATED
FAR AWAY
RIGHT AFTER
THEY WERE
BORN.



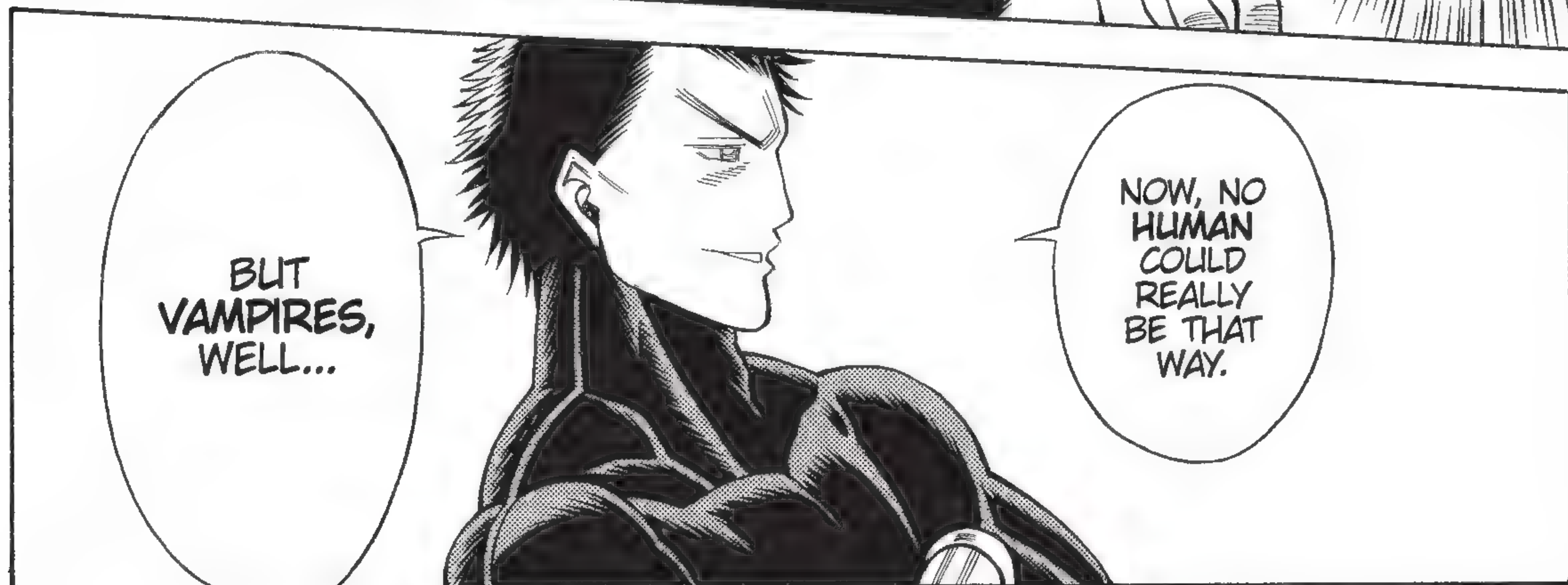
THE
OTHER
ONE
WAS
HURT
AS
WELL.

AND
IF YOU
HURT
ONE OF
THEM...



THE
OTHER
ONE
ALSO
SUFFERS!

SO IF
ONE IS
IN
PAIN...



BUT
VAMPIRES,
WELL...

NOW, NO
HUMAN
COULD
REALLY
BE THAT
WAY.



SO WHEN
THEY USE
THEIR
TRICK AND
SWITCH
PLACES...

THEY
KNOW EACH
OTHER'S
THOUGHTS.
AND IT'S
INSTANTA-
NEOUS.

TELEPATHY--
THEY KNOW
WHAT THE
OTHER IS
THINKING.

IT'S NOT
TELEPOR-
TATION...

BUT THEY
DO HAVE
SOMETHING
AKIN TO A
SUPER
POWER.



PAIN IS
ALSO
TRANSMITTED
BETWEEN
THEM.

BUT IT'S
NOT JUST
THOUGHTS
THAT ARE
SHARED.



NEEDLESS
TO SAY, THIS
WEAKNESS
CAN
DISRUPT
THEM
VIOLENTLY.

TWINGE

JUST AS
SURELY AS IF
IT HAD BEEN
INFLICTED
DIRECTLY,
EACH SHARES
IN THE
EXPERIENCE.



THOSE ARE
ALSO AFFECTED.
THE DAMAGE THAT'S
INFLICTED MANIFESTS
ITSELF WITHIN THEM
CAUSING THEIR
BODIES TO CHANGE
AND REFLECT A
SENSATION OF
PAIN THAT MIGHT
NOT EVEN BE
HAPPENING
TO THEM!

NOW,
THEIR
SHAPE-
SHIFTING
ABILITIES--

THAT SPECIAL
VAMPIRIC ABILITY
THAT ALLOWS
CERTAIN
VAMPIRES TO
MENTALLY
CHANGE THEIR
EXTERNAL
APPEARANCE--



THE
TWIN'S ALSO
SHOW SOME
SEMBLANCE
OF A LATENT
SHAPESHIFTING
ABILITY.
BUT WHY IS
THAT?

SO, YOU
KNOW THAT
IVANOVIC'S
ASSASSIN
COULD
CONTROL
ITS SHAPE-
SHIFTING
AT WILL. AND
LIKEWISE...



A NEW
SPECIES.

I'LL TELL YOU.
THEY'RE
THE NEXT
GENERATION
OF
VAMPIRES.



THAT WAS
THEIR
GREATEST
WEAPON.

YES.

ALWAYS
APPEARING IN
THE SAME PLACE,
BLEEDING FROM
THE SAME
WOUNDS, THEY
CAN BE MISTAKEN
FOR A SINGLE
INDIVIDUAL.

SO
THEY'VE
TURNED
THEIR
WEAKNESS
INTO A
DEADLY
TRICK.

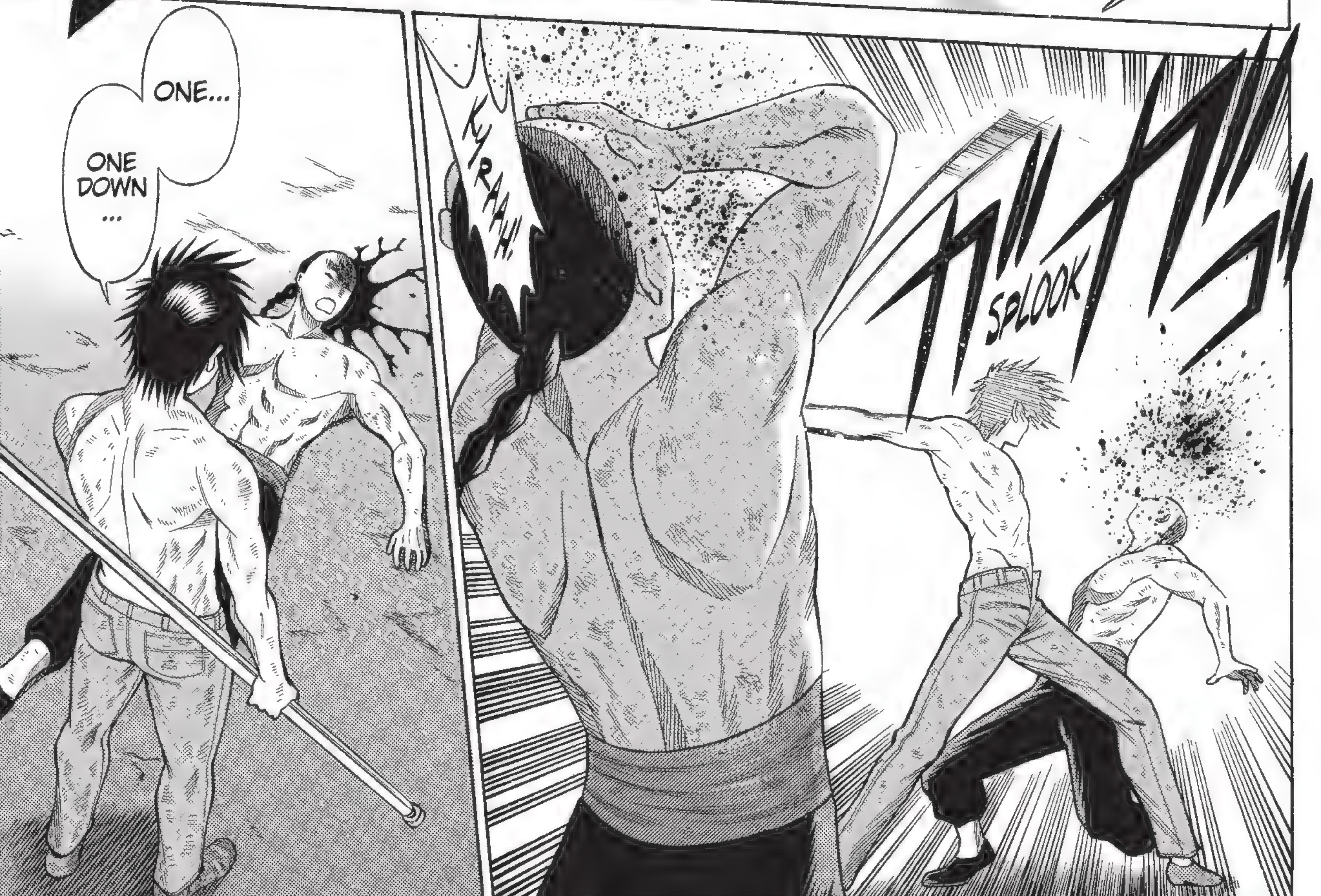
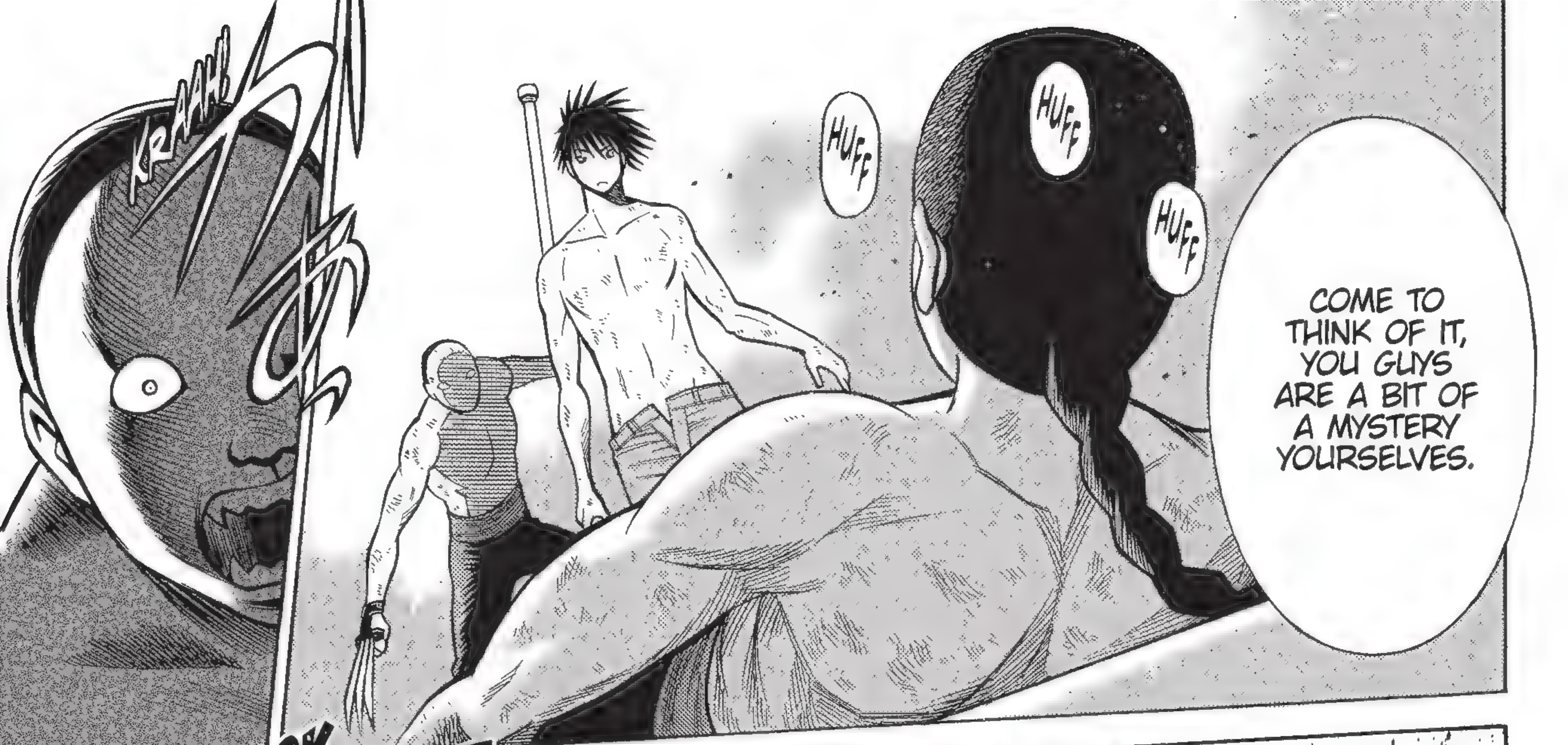


IT
AIN'T
GONNA
CUT IT
NO
MORE
!!!

SKCCHHH

BUT!

THEIR
TRICK IS
UNDONE!!





**DON'T
HESITATE!**

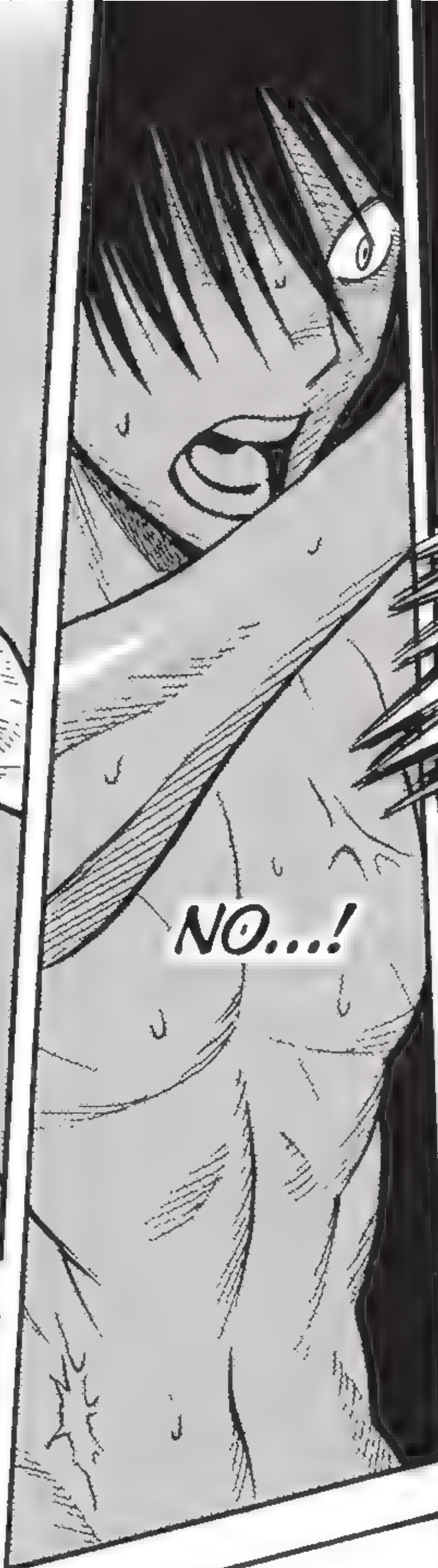
**GOTTA
FINISH
IT.**

GOTTA...

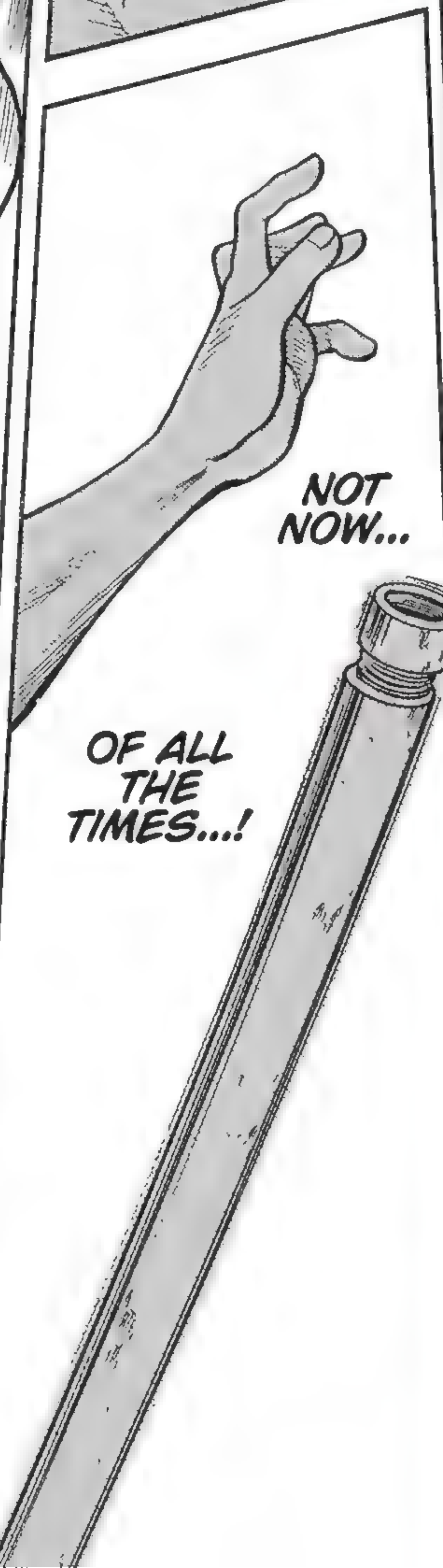
WHEEZE

WHEEZE

WHEEZE



NO...!

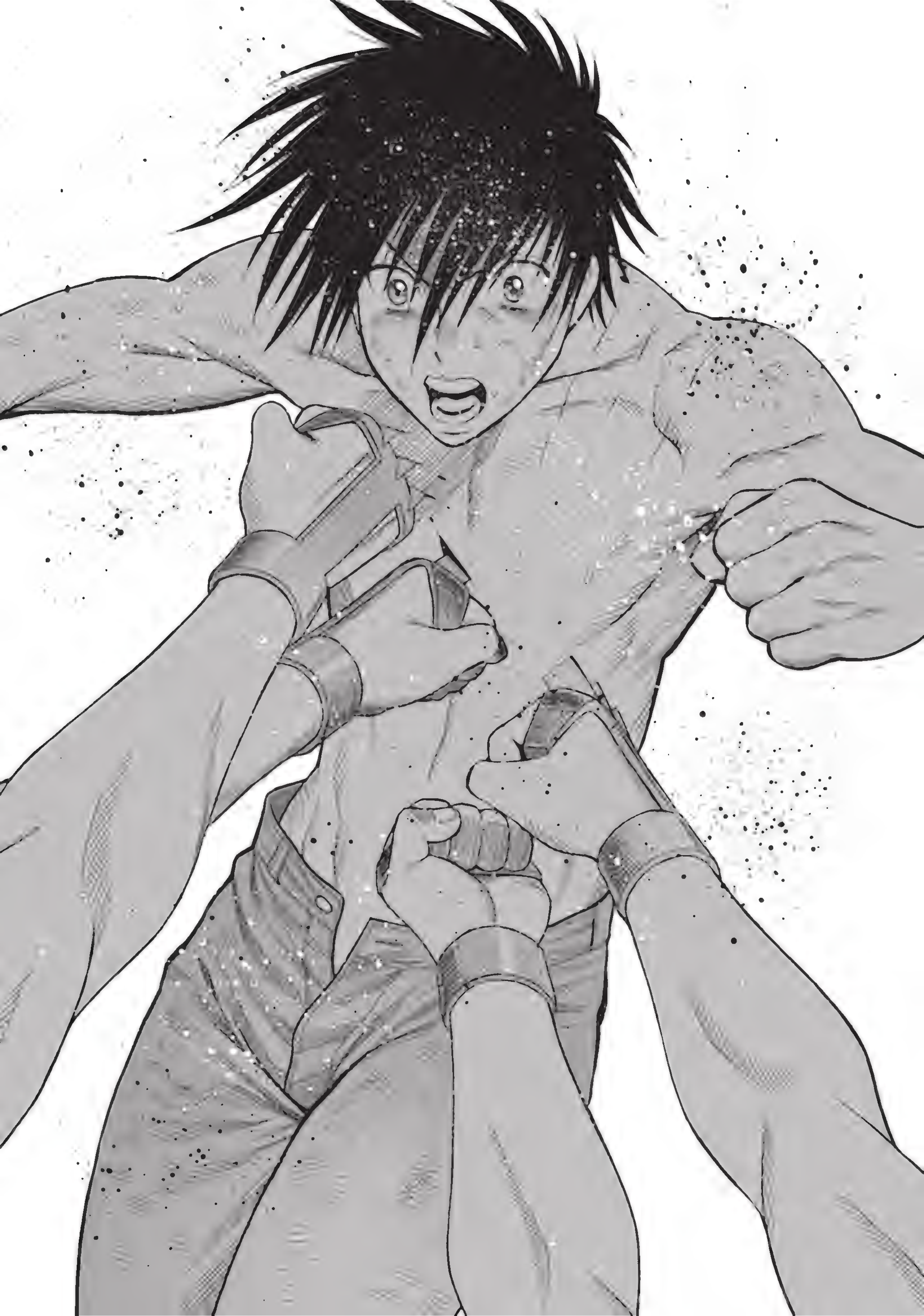



NOT
NOW...

OF ALL
THE
TIMES...!



ZING





I'LL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE...

SO
PLEASE...

DON'T
CRY.

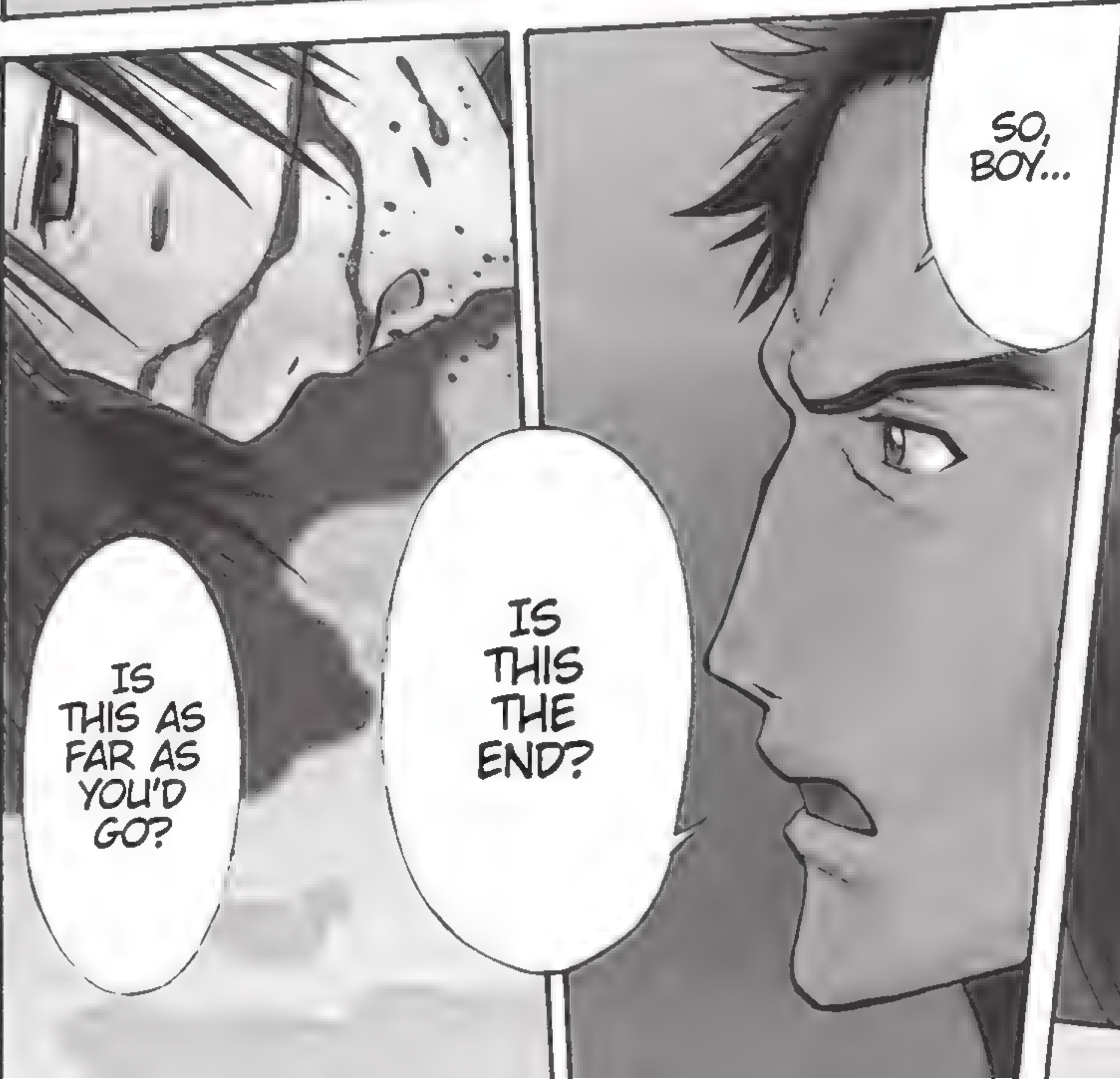
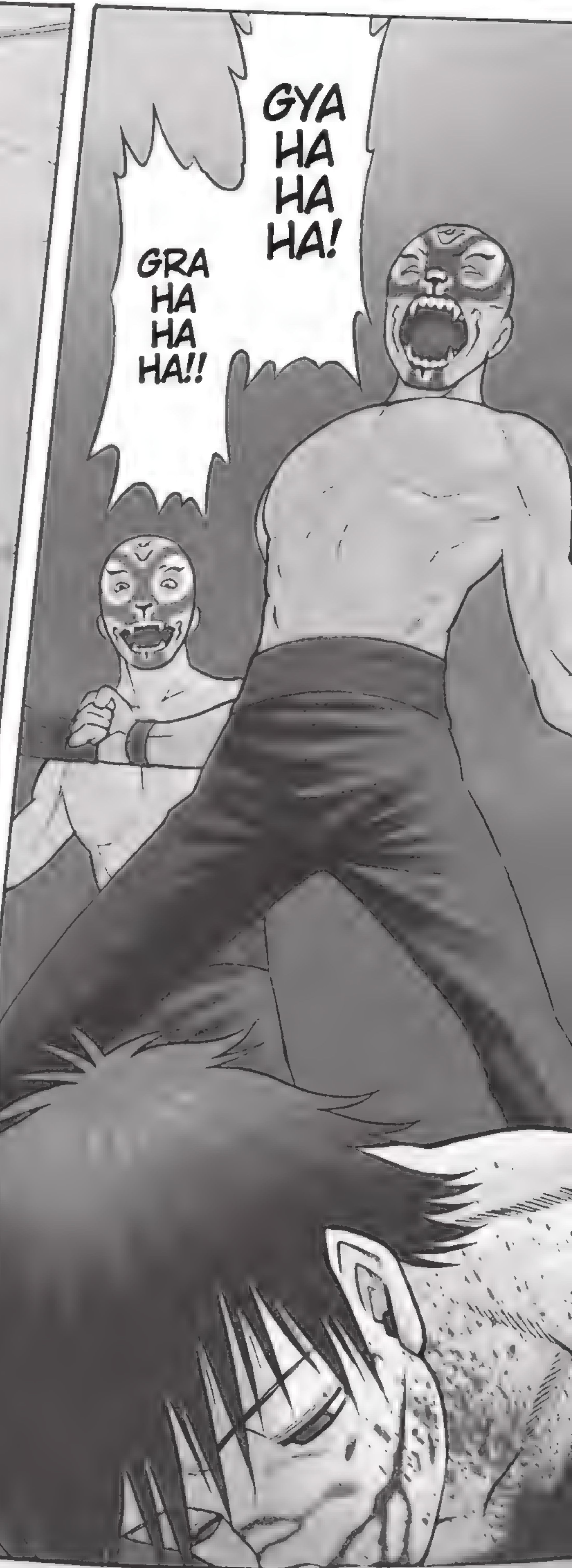
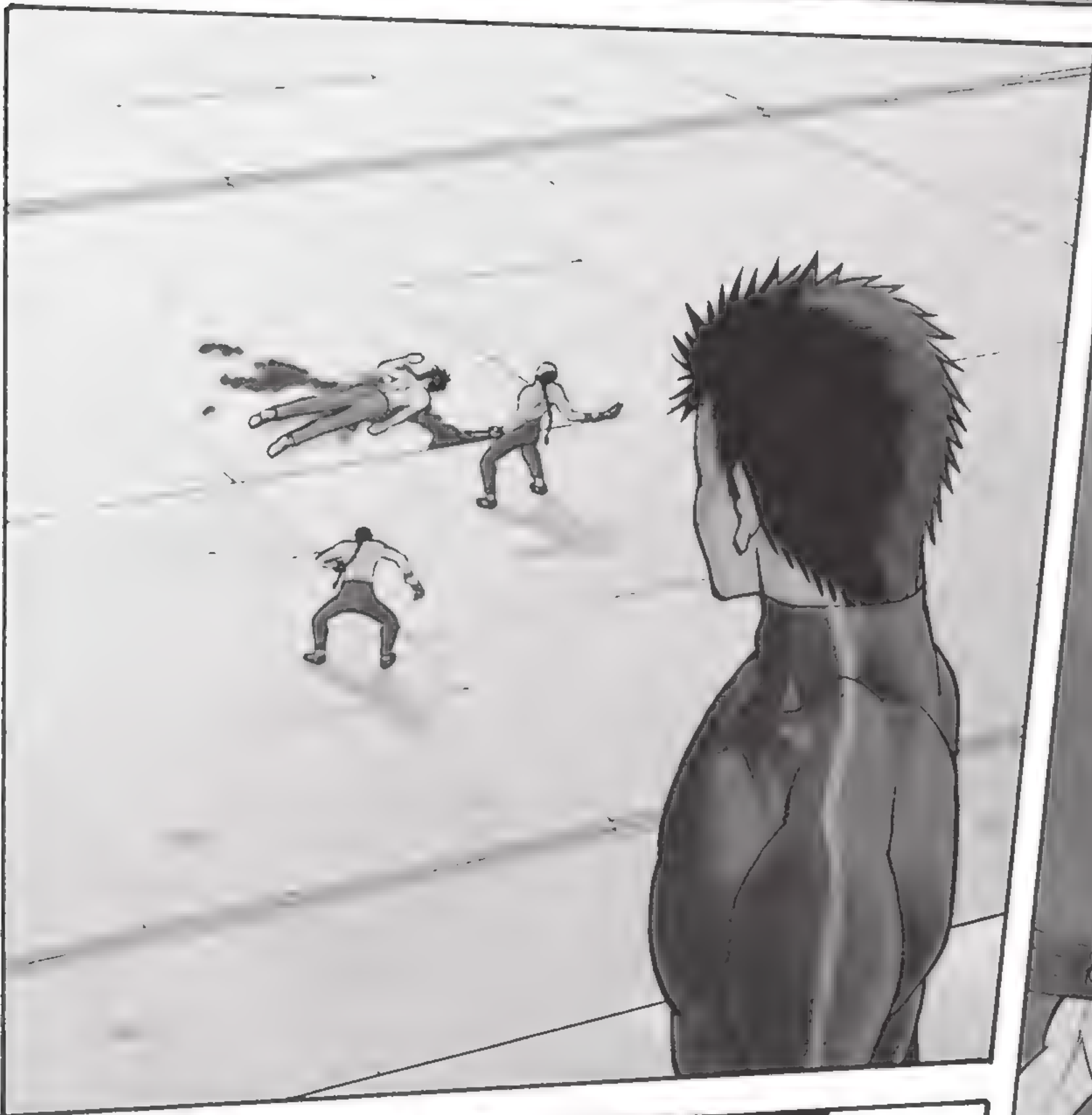
DON'T CRY
ANYMORE...

Chapter 31: A Man of Determination



HIME...

HIME-SAN...





HIME-SAN...

HIME-SAN...

...HIME-SAN...



YOU'VE GOT TO BE STRONGER.

YOU HEAR ME? STRONGER!

EVERYONE YOU LOVE IS GOING TO DIE!



THE
DAY WE
FIRST
MET.

AKIRA...
SURELY YOU
DON'T
REMEMBER...

NOW,
MY
SON,
DO AS
I'VE
ASKED
YOU...

SWEAR
YOUR
LOYALTY
TO HER
MAJESTY.

WHAT
IS HIS
NAME?

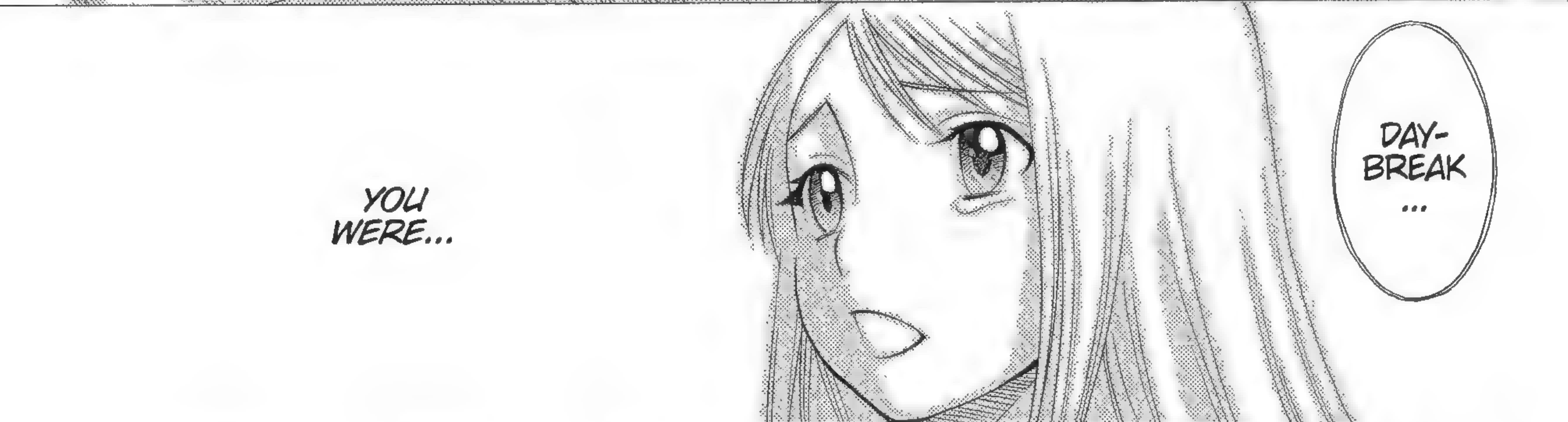
WOLF-
GANG,
WHAT...

HA
HA
...



IT
MEANS...
"DAY-
BREAK."

"AKIRA."



YOU
WERE...

DAY-
BREAK
...



THE FIRST
RAY OF
SUNSHINE
IN MY
DARK LIFE.

HI
THERE,
AKIRA.

CAN YOU
PROMISE
ME
THAT...

MY
NAME'S
MINA.
CAN
YOU DO
ME A
FAVOR?



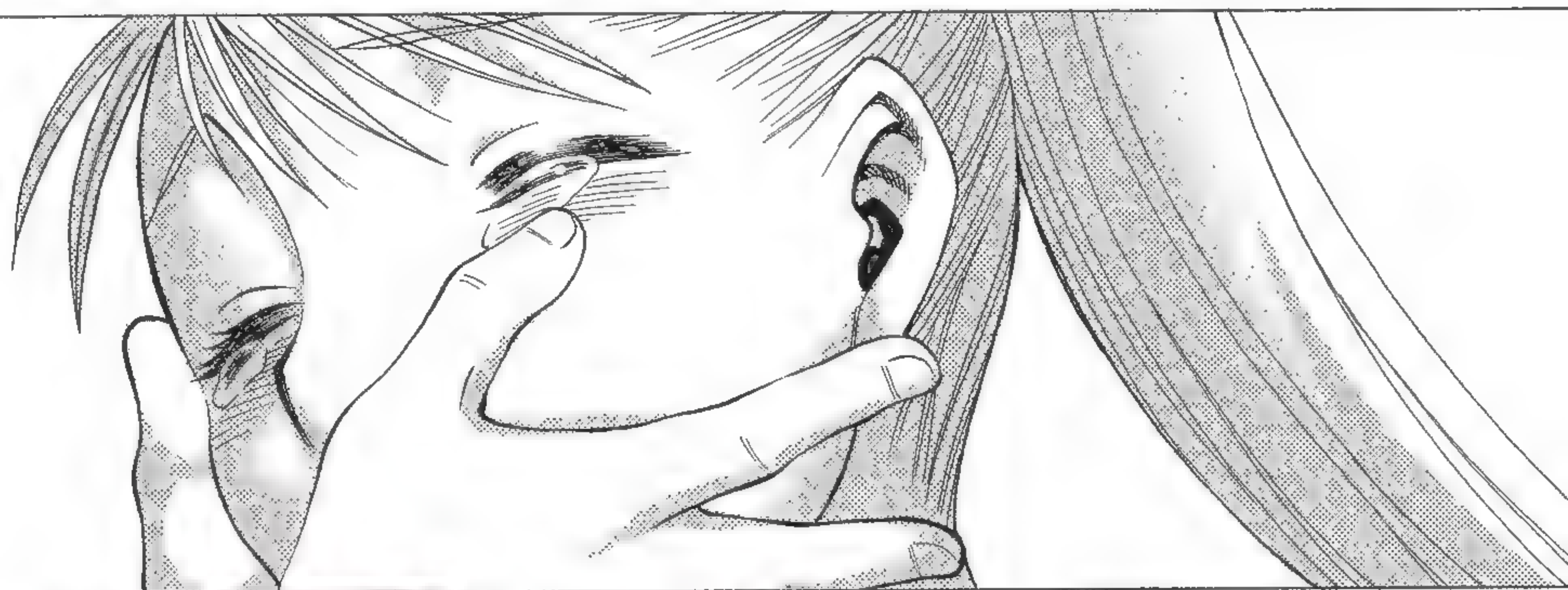
YOU'LL
ALWAYS
BE BY MY
SIDE...?

WHY ARE
YOU CRYING?
DOES YOUR
TUMMY HURT?

HEY,
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



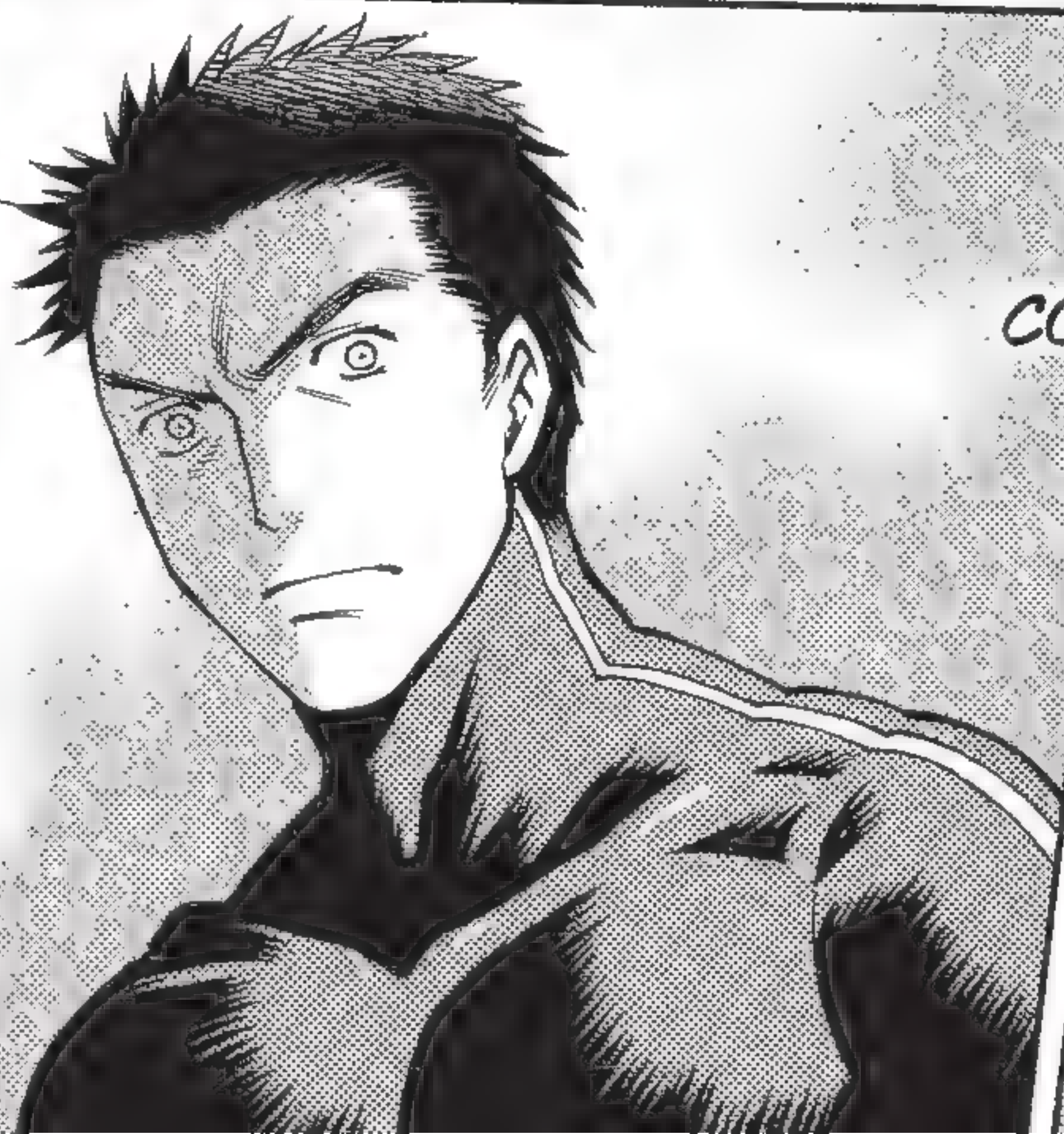
HEY,
DON'T
CRY.



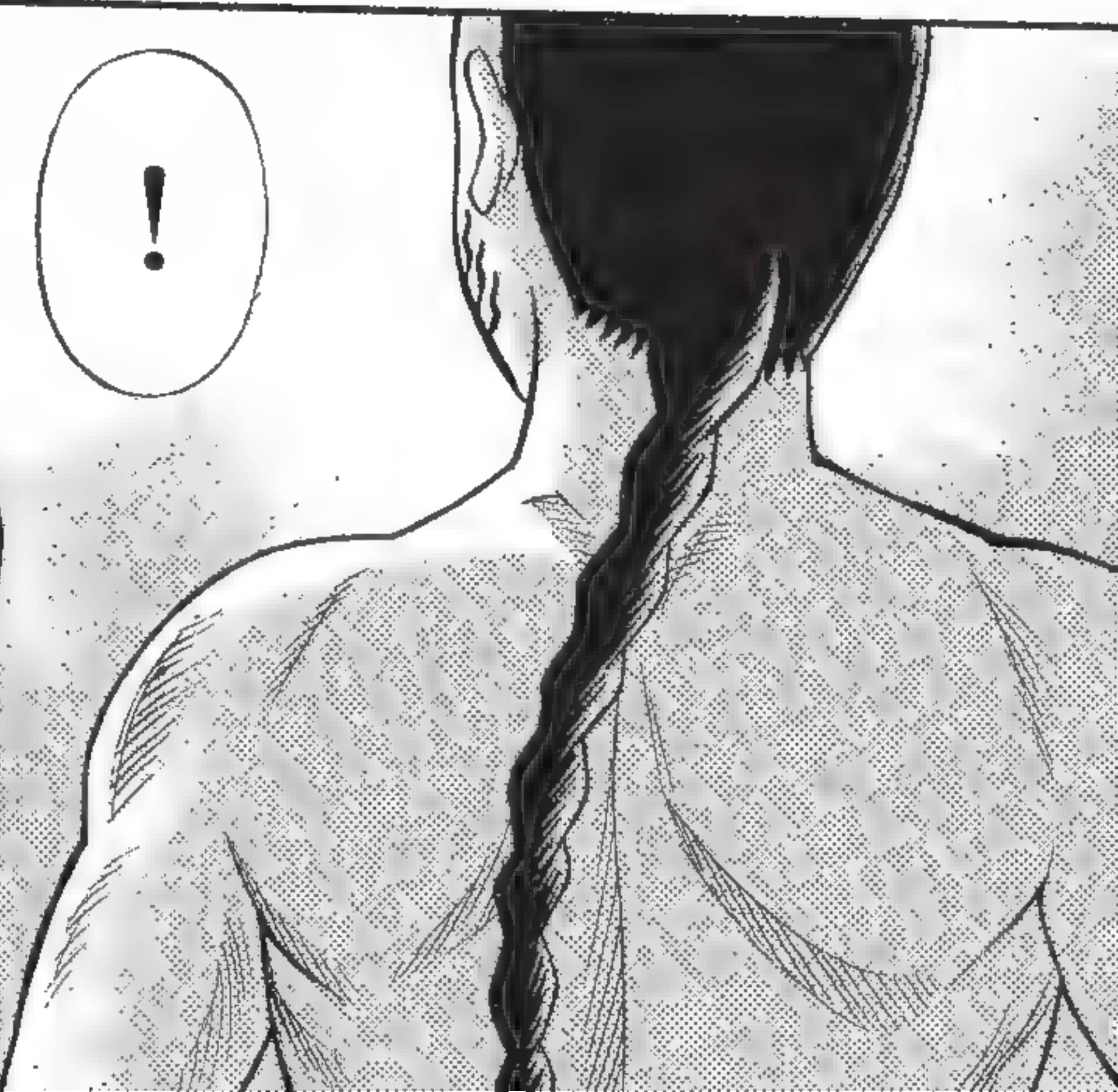
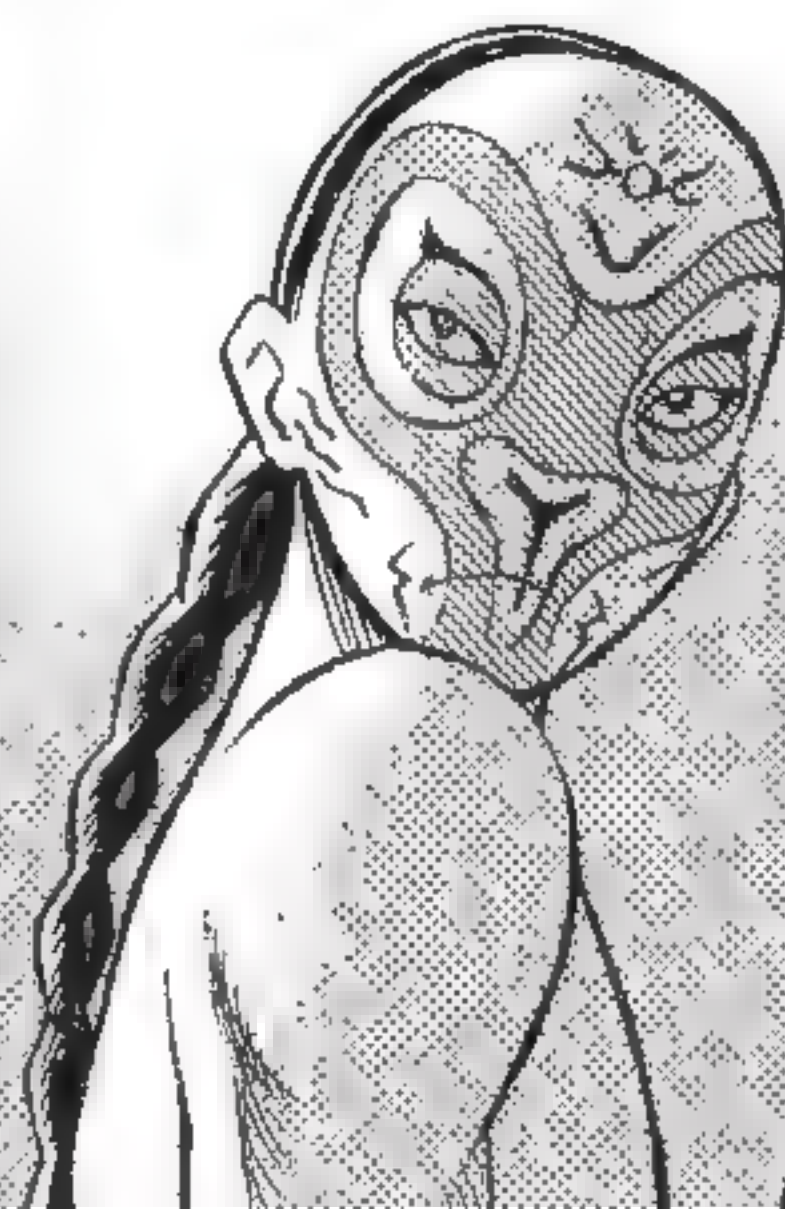
I'LL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE.

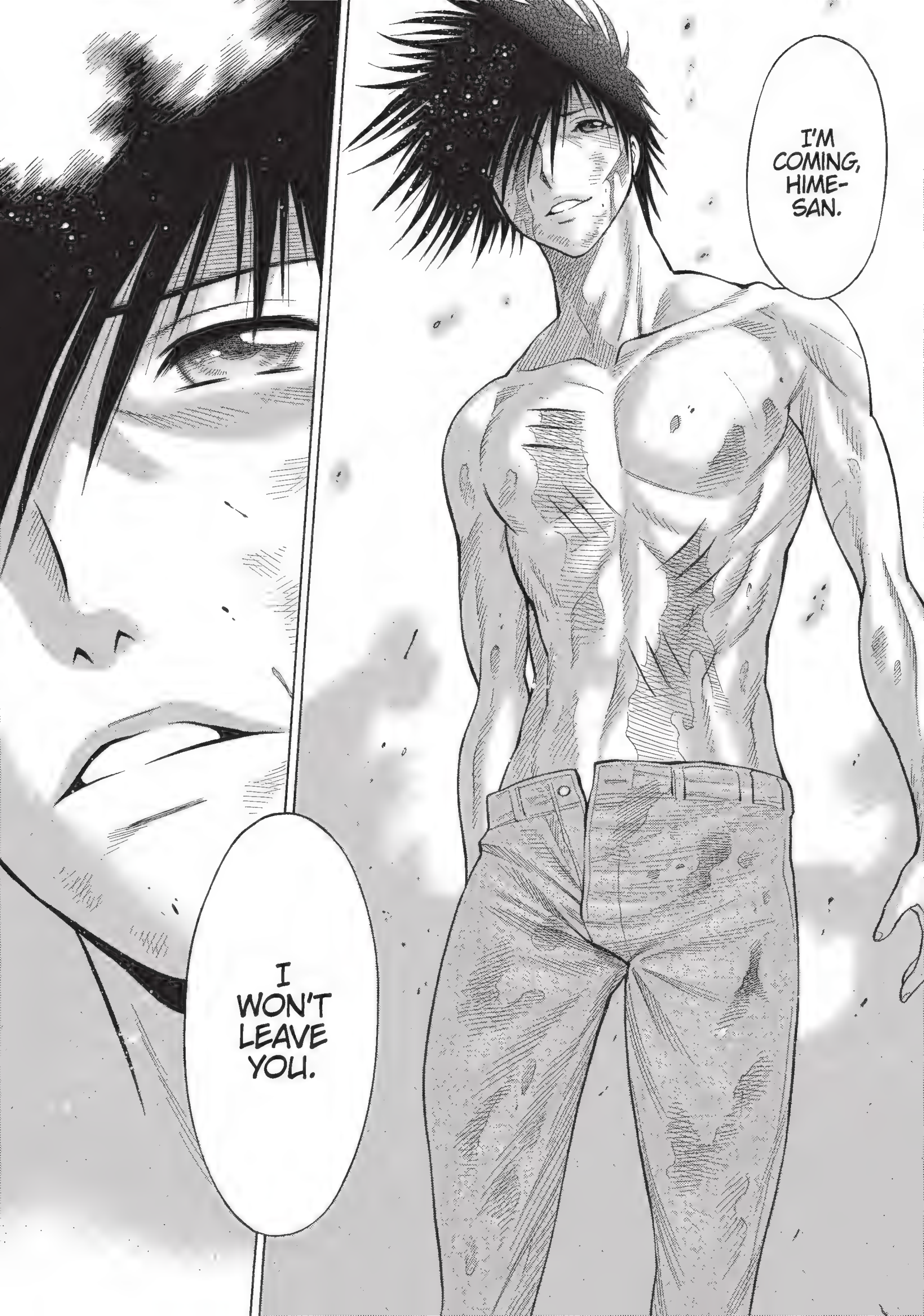


I
PROMISE...



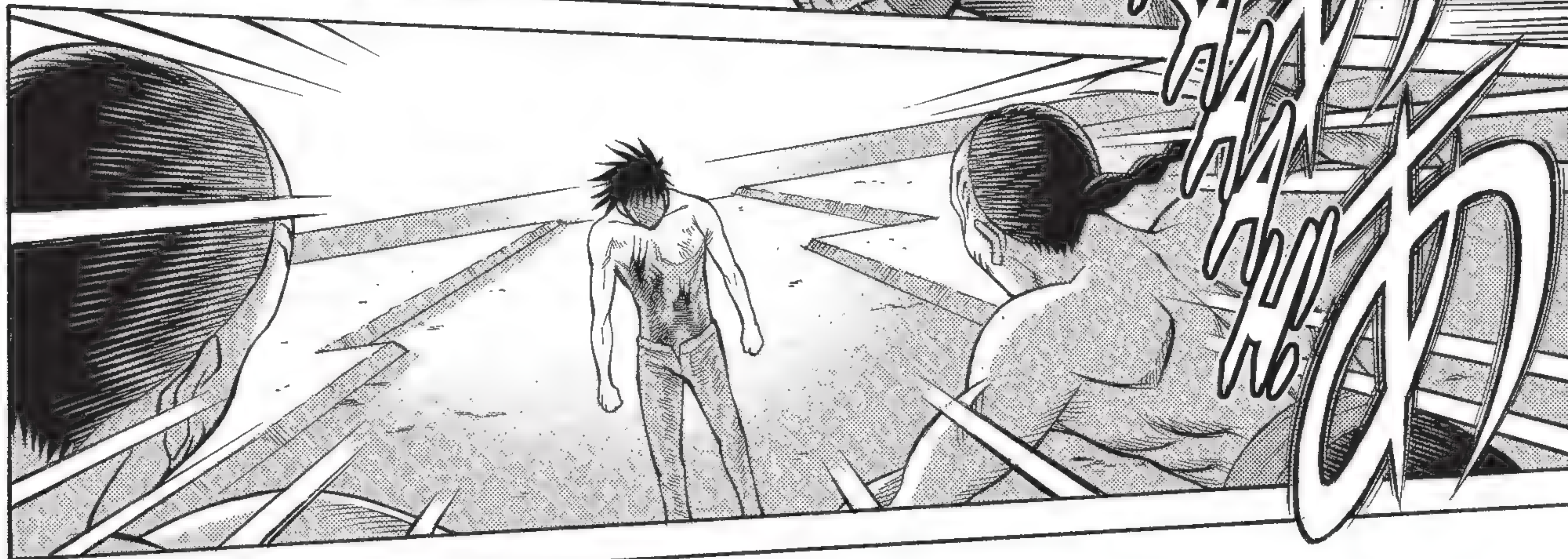
I'M
COMING...

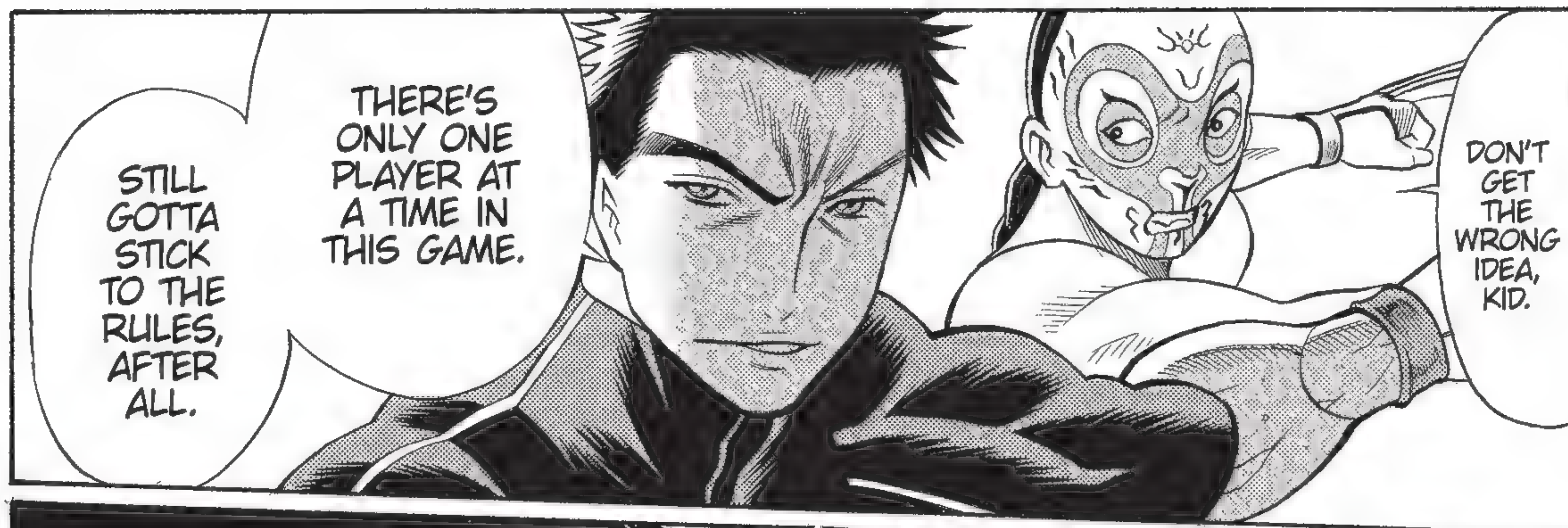


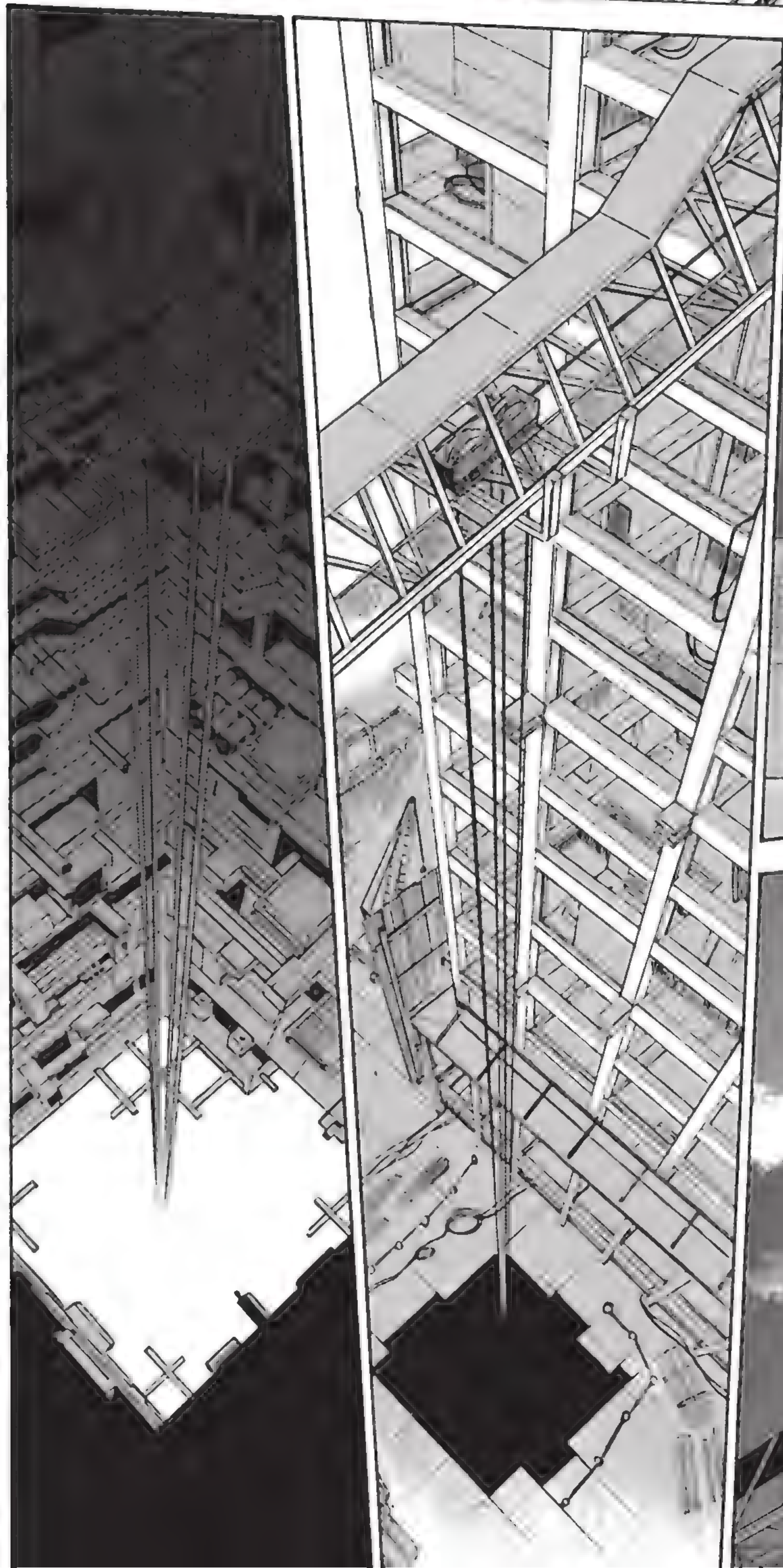
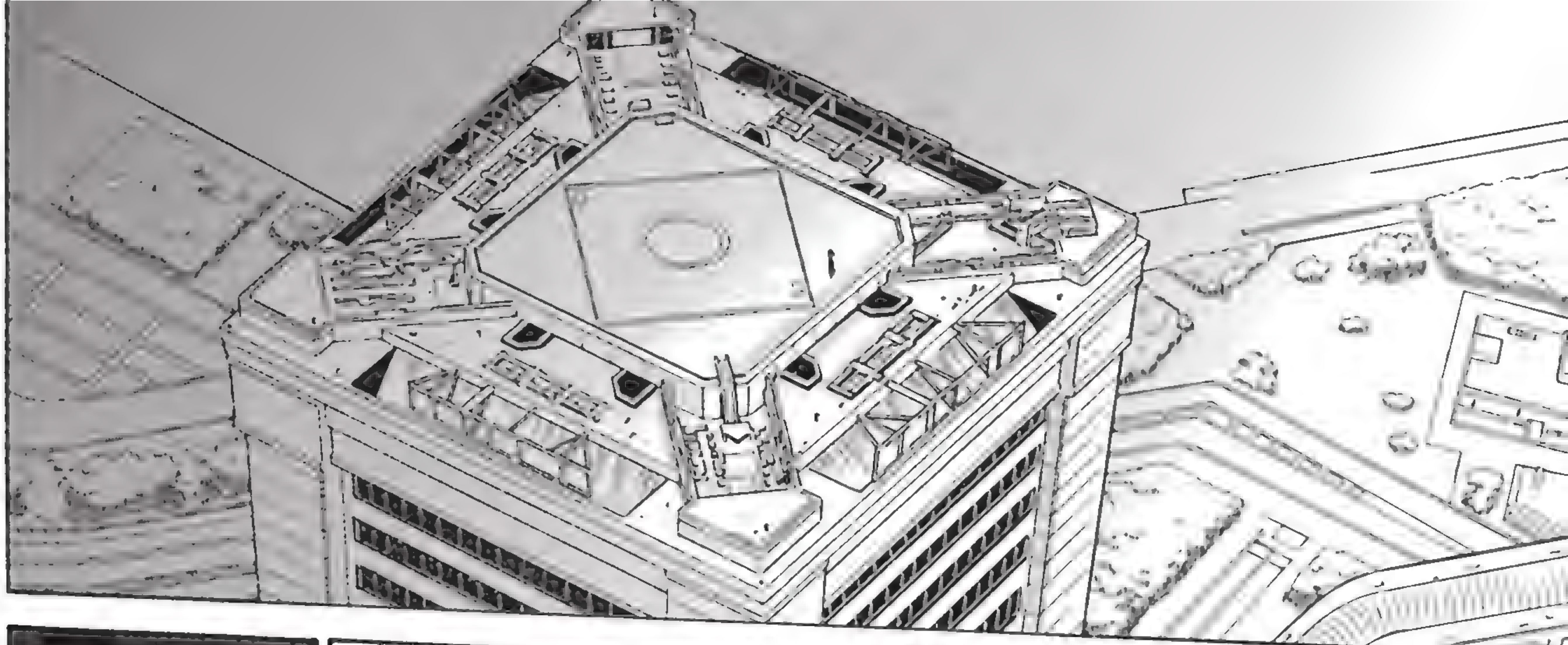


I'M
COMING,
HIME-
SAN.

I
WON'T
LEAVE
YOU.

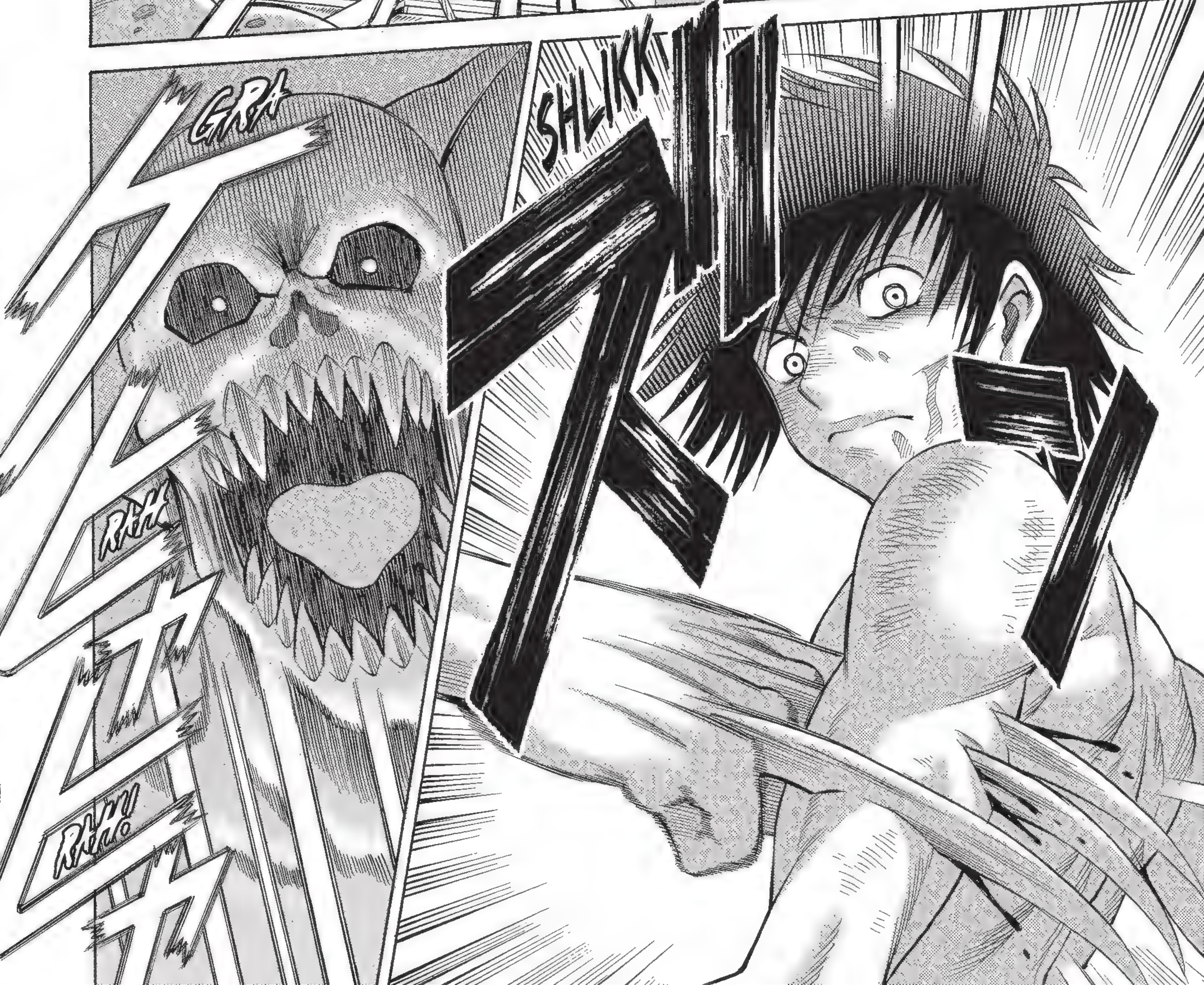
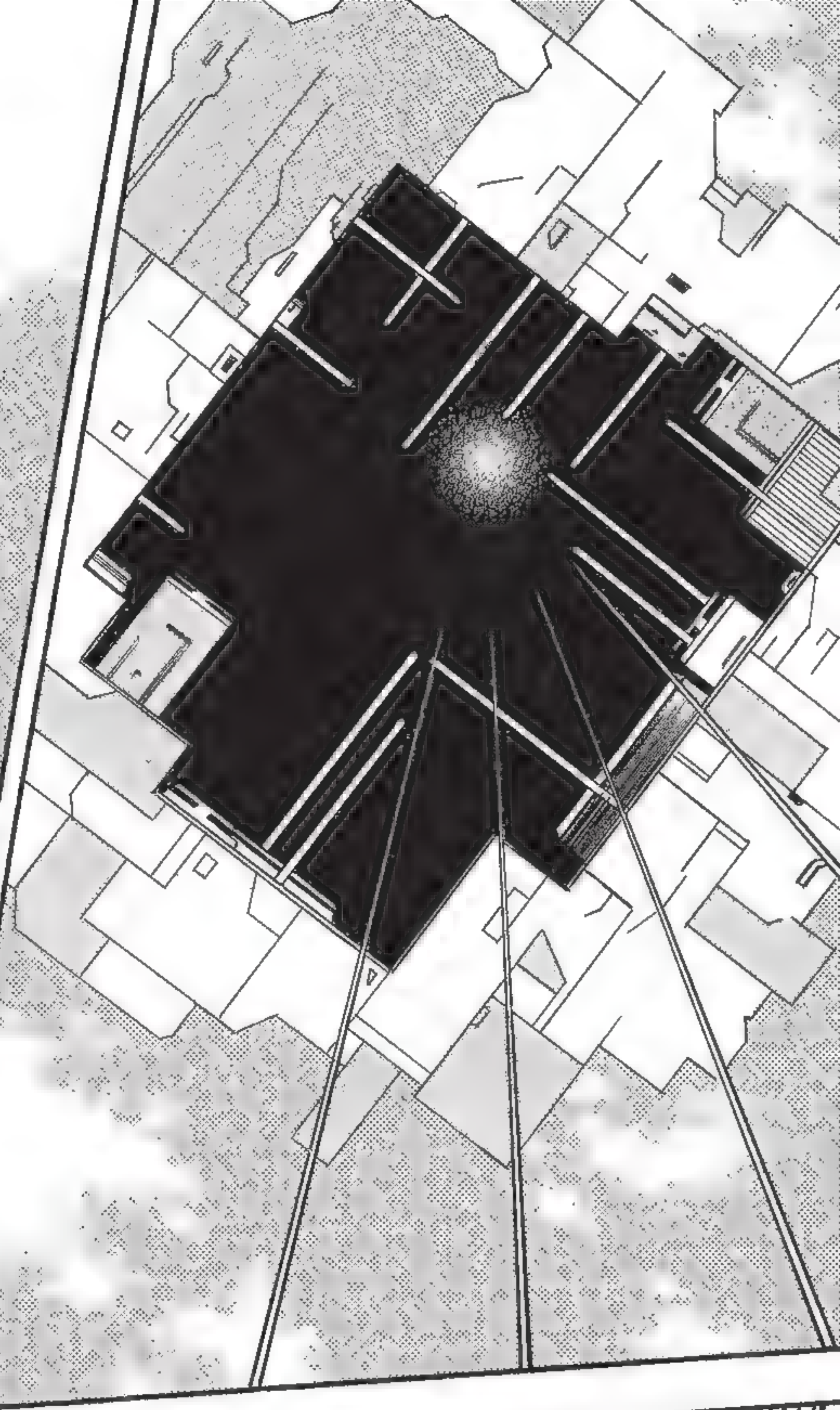
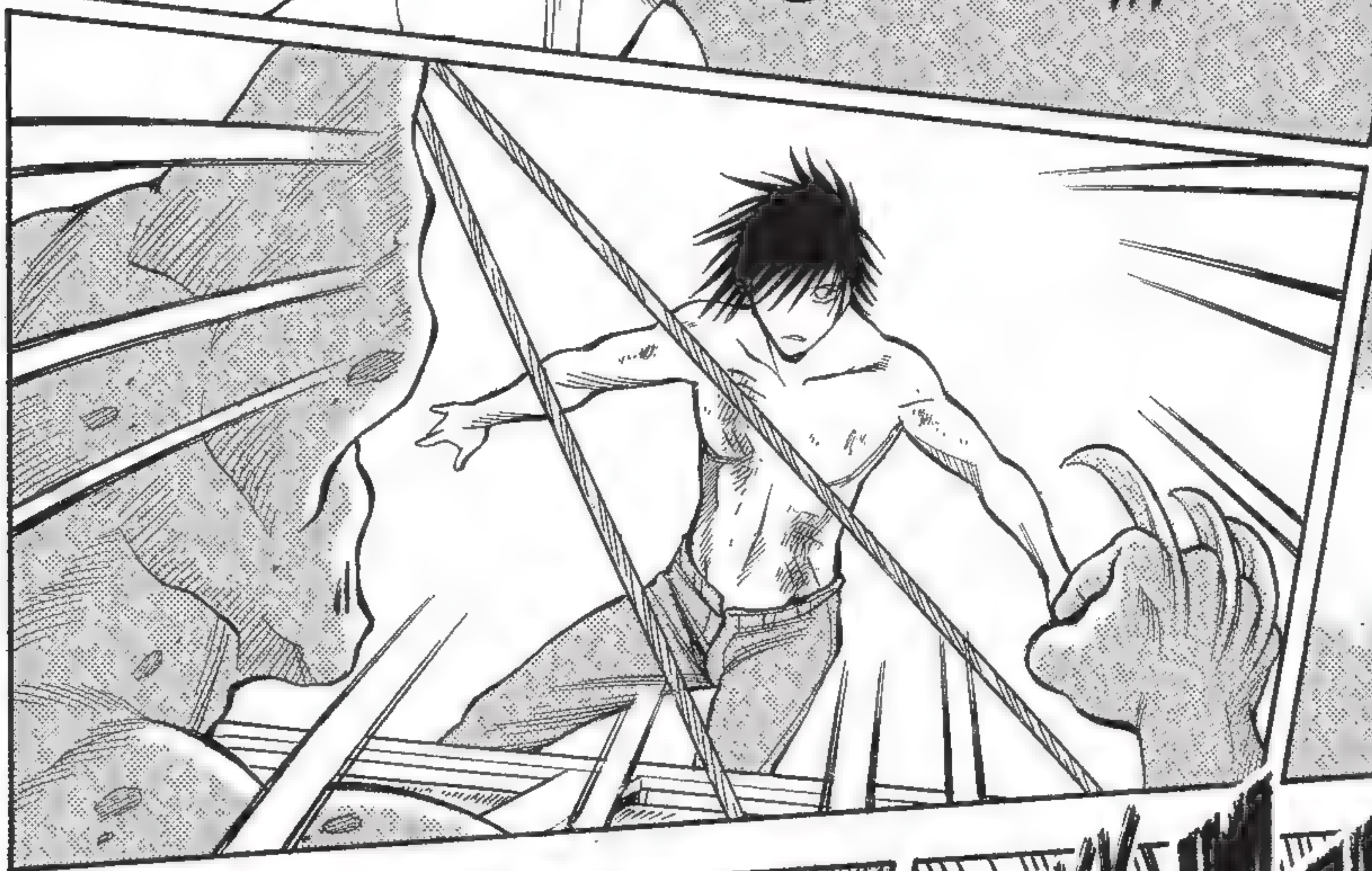
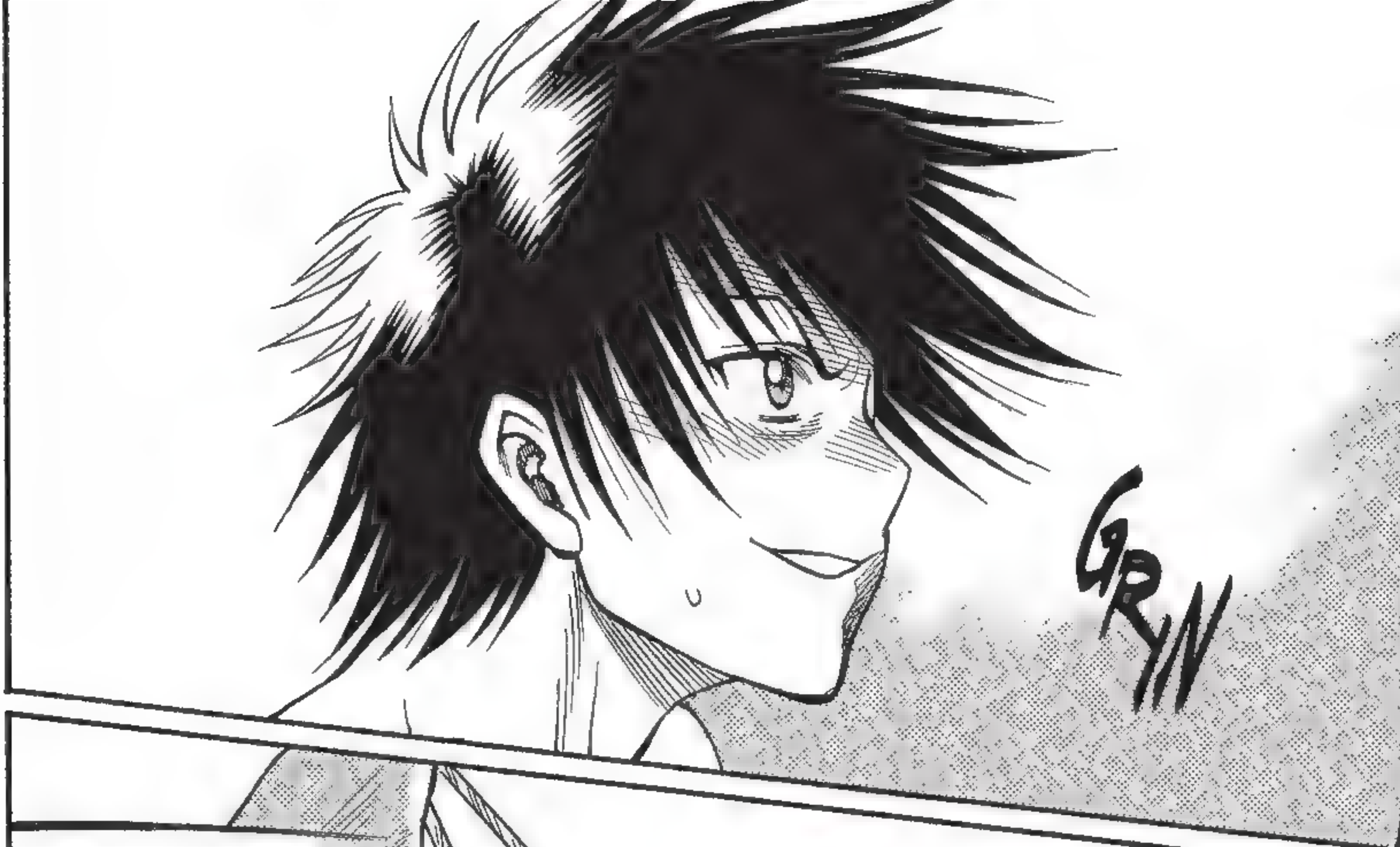






DAWN IS
BREAKING.

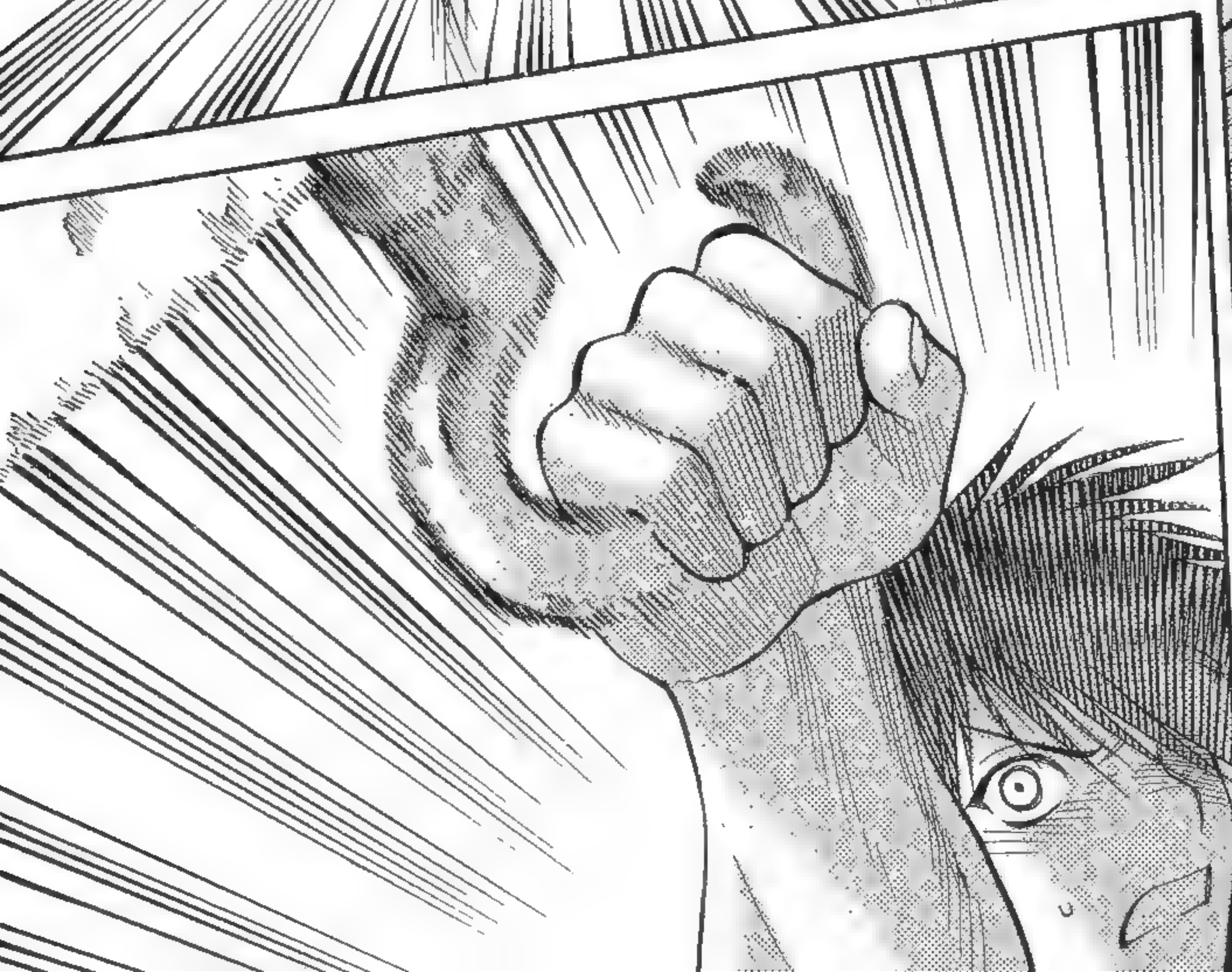
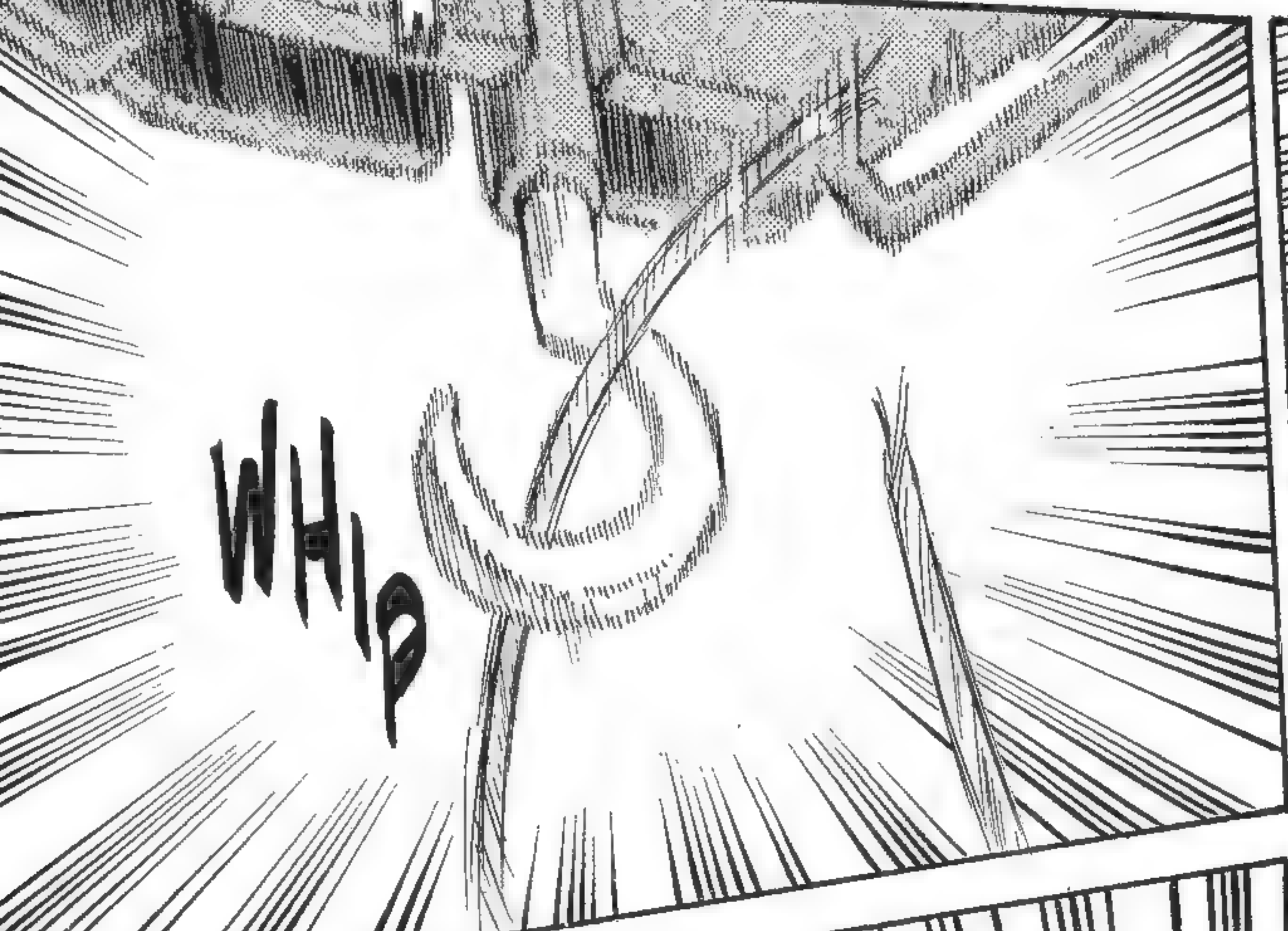


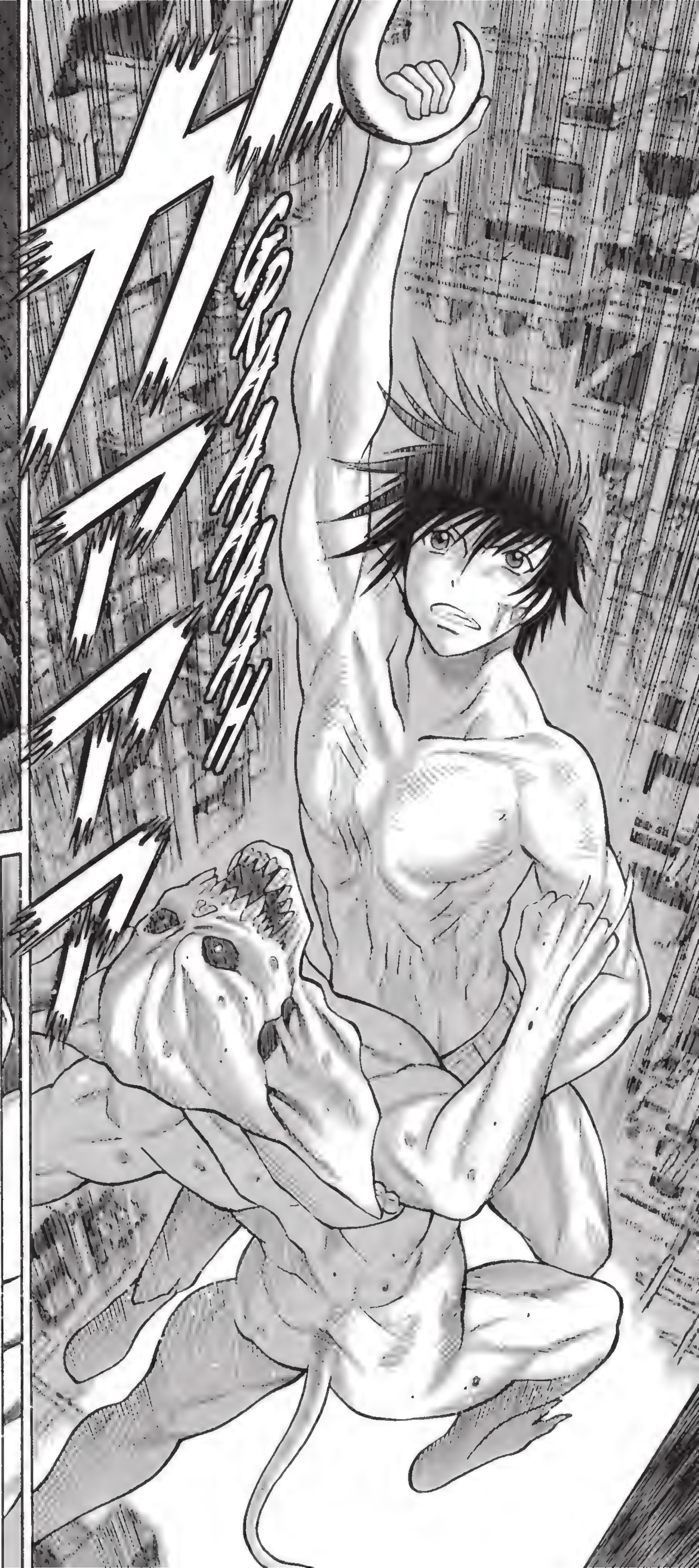




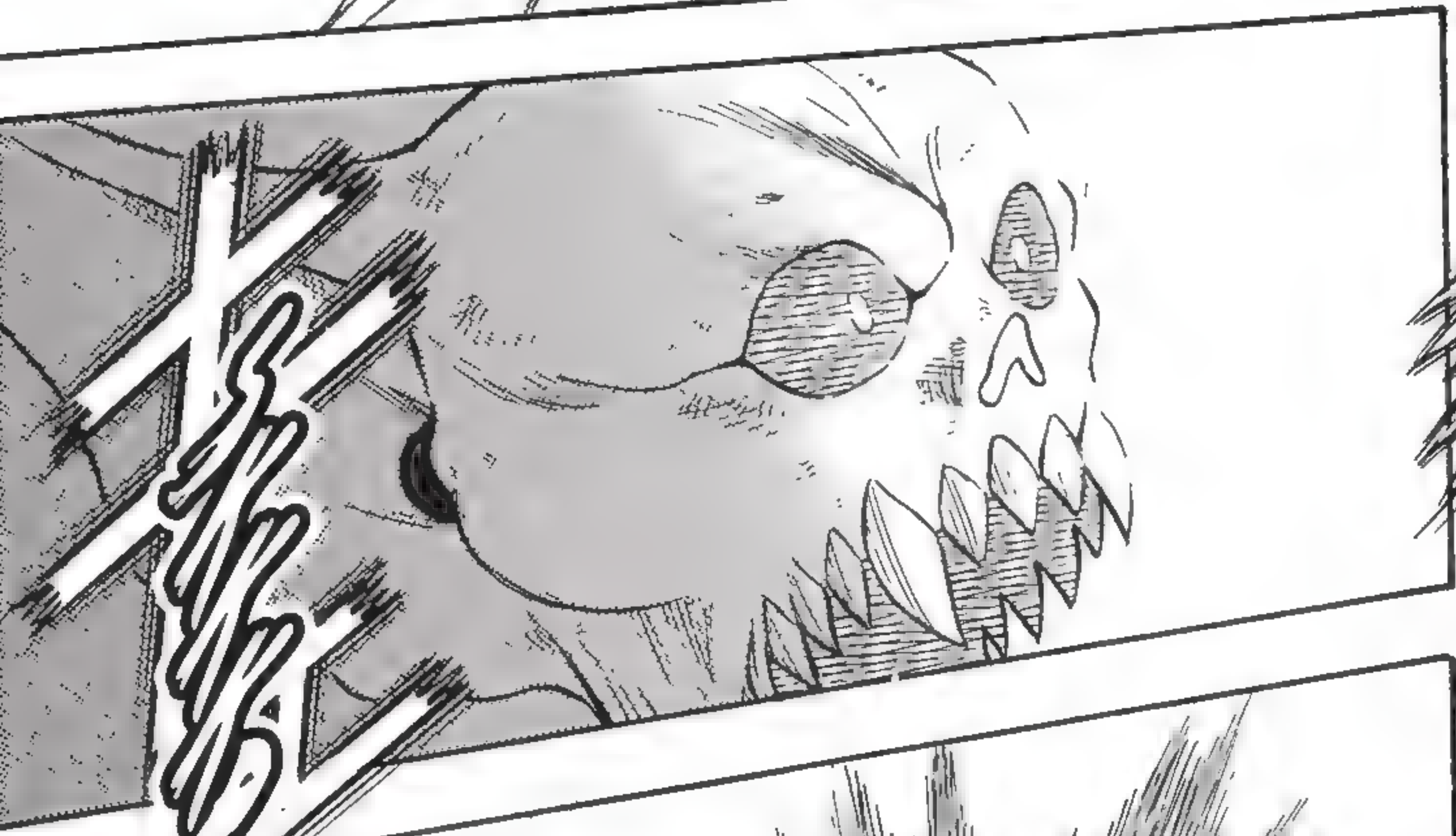
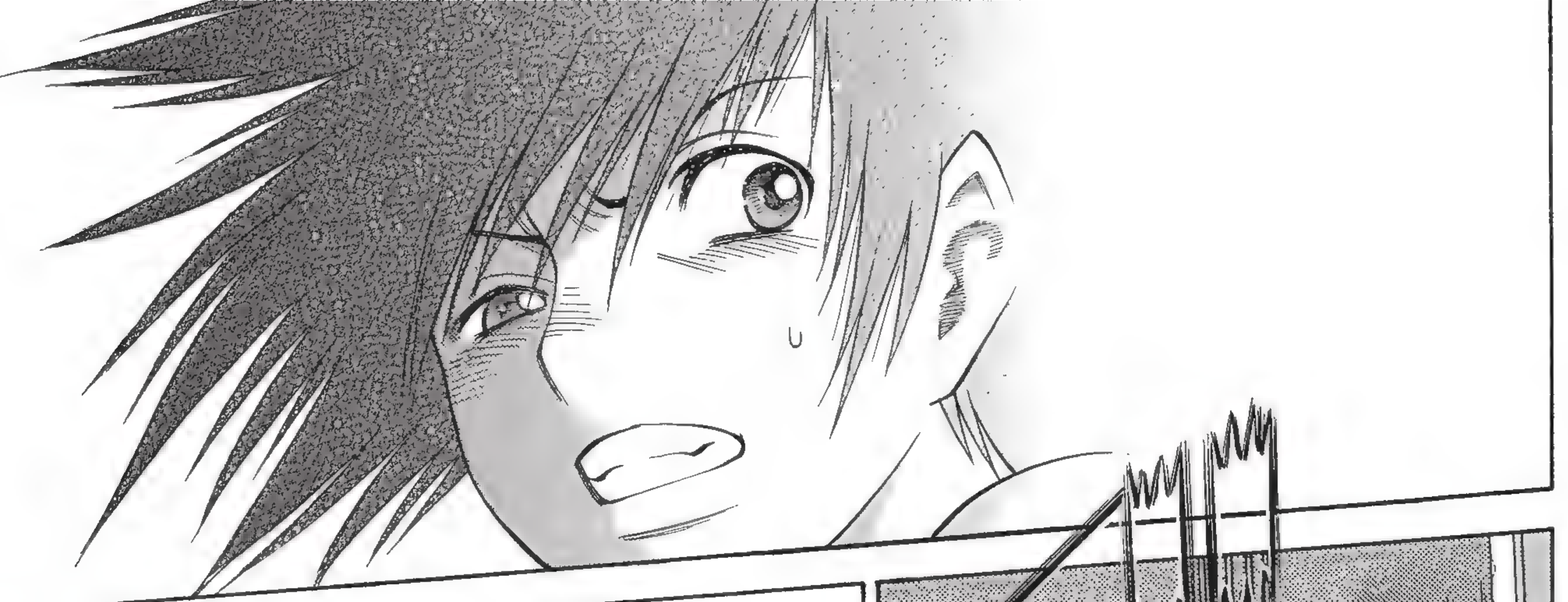
LOOK
WHO'S
GOT
WHO...







RRRAAAGGGH!!

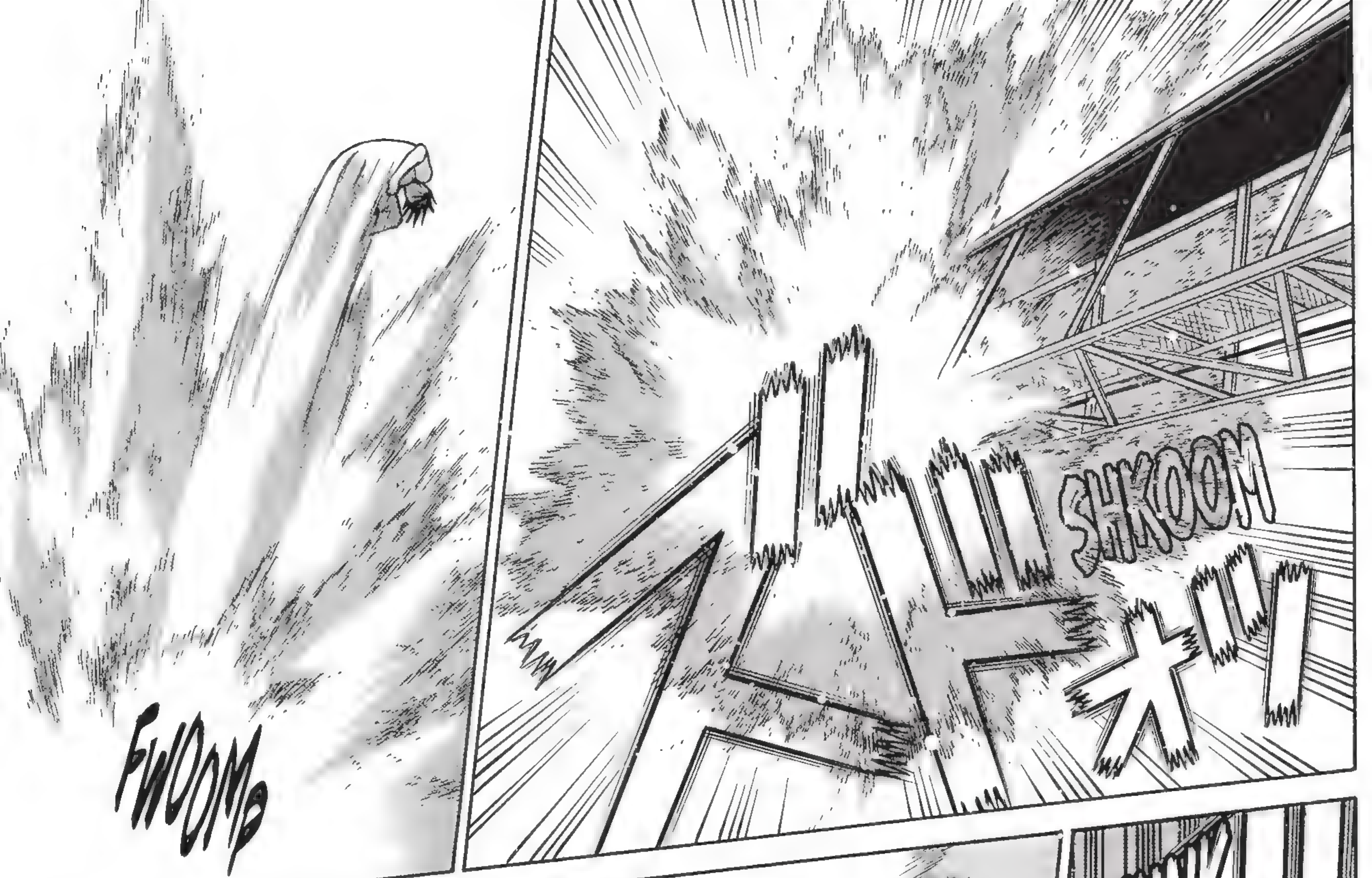


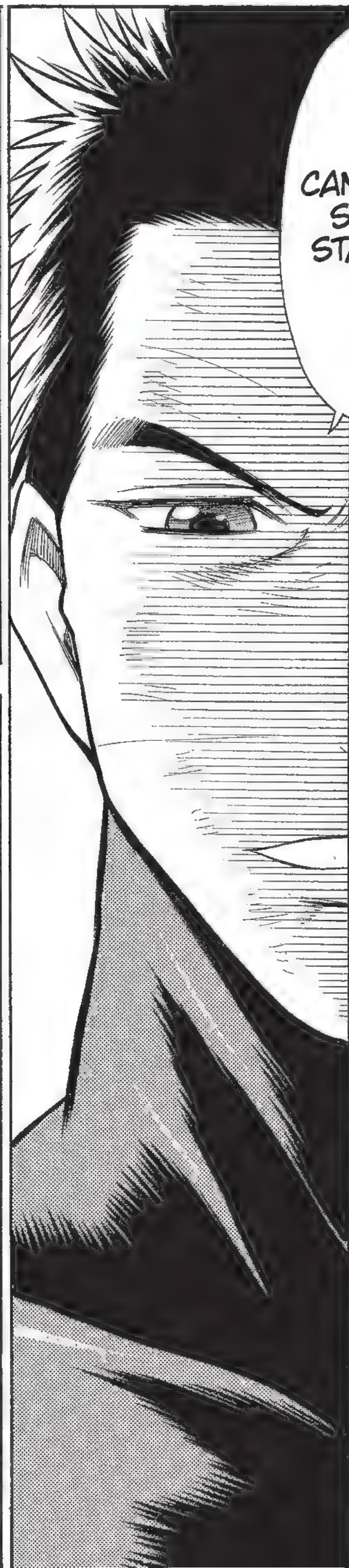
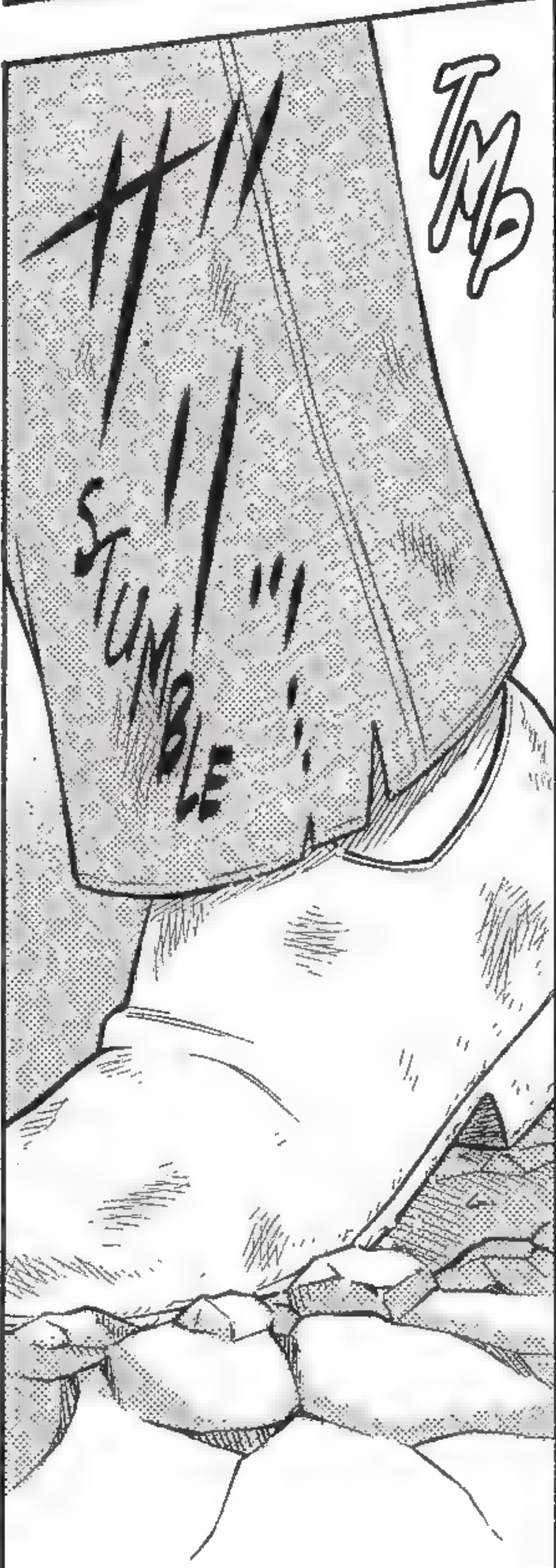
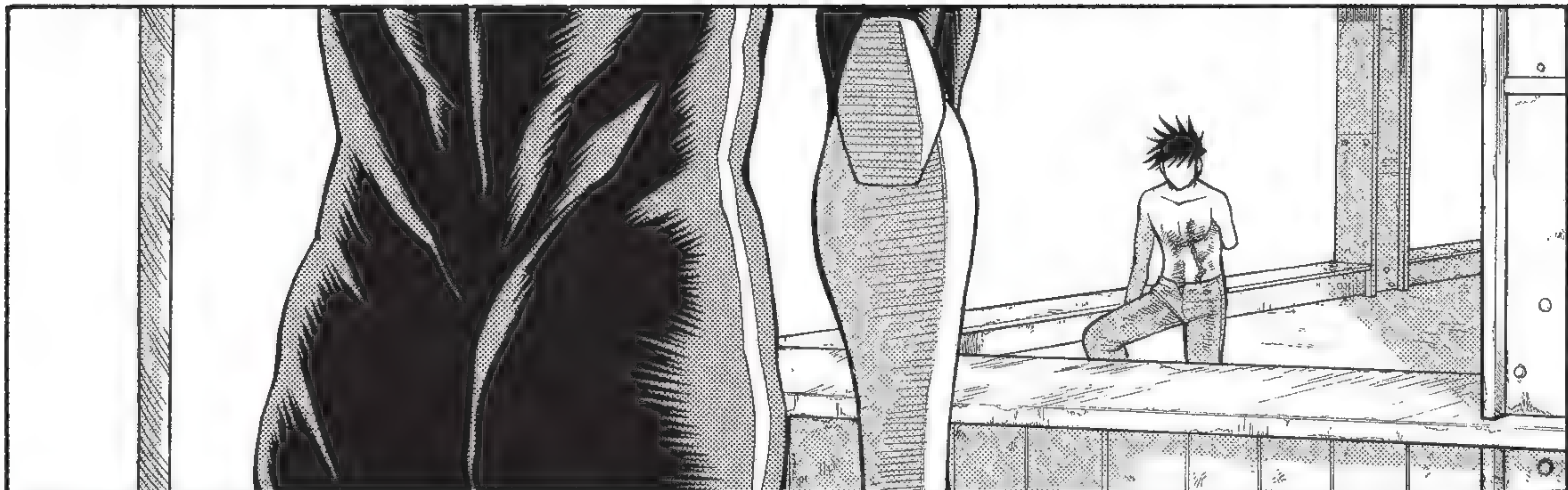
GA A A H H H H !!?

BUOOOSH

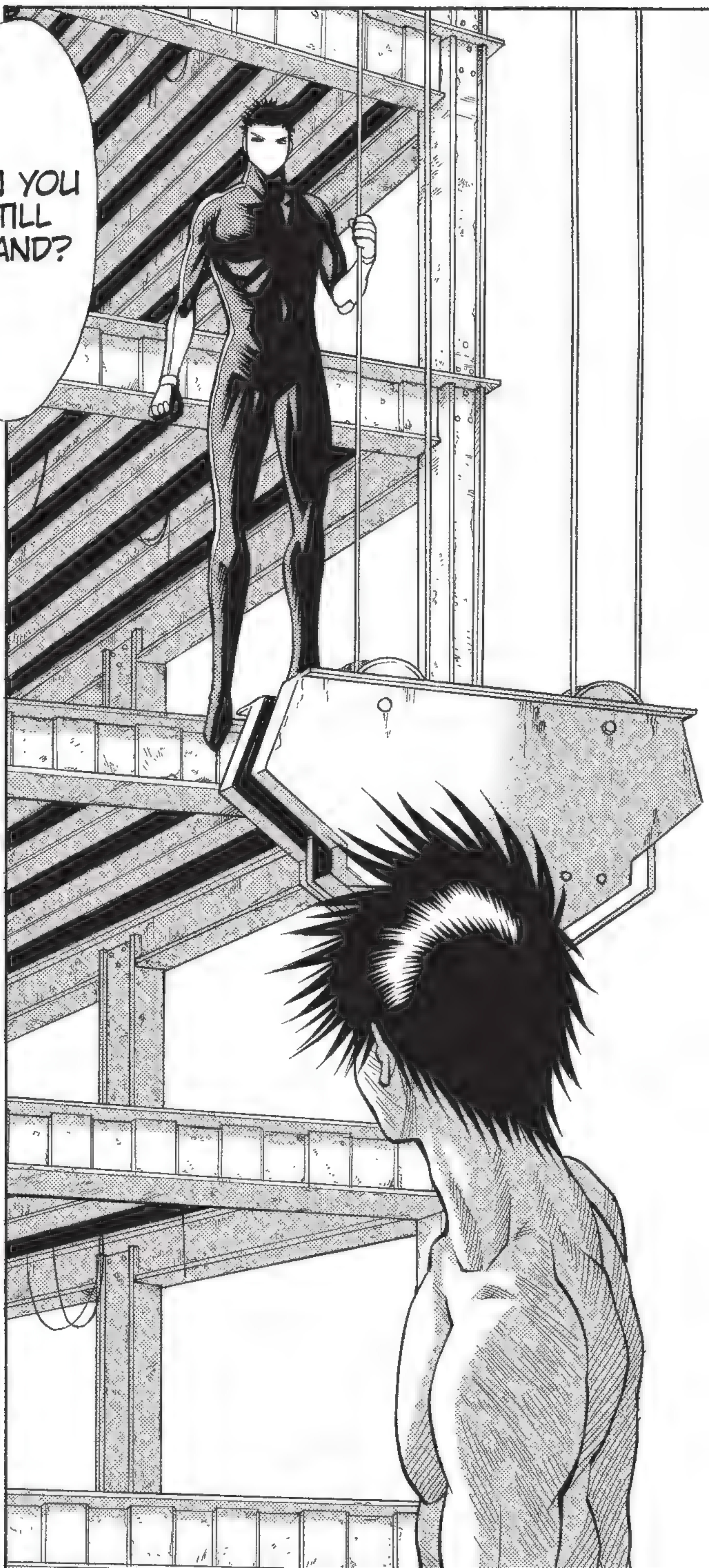
SKREEE!!

SKREEE!!



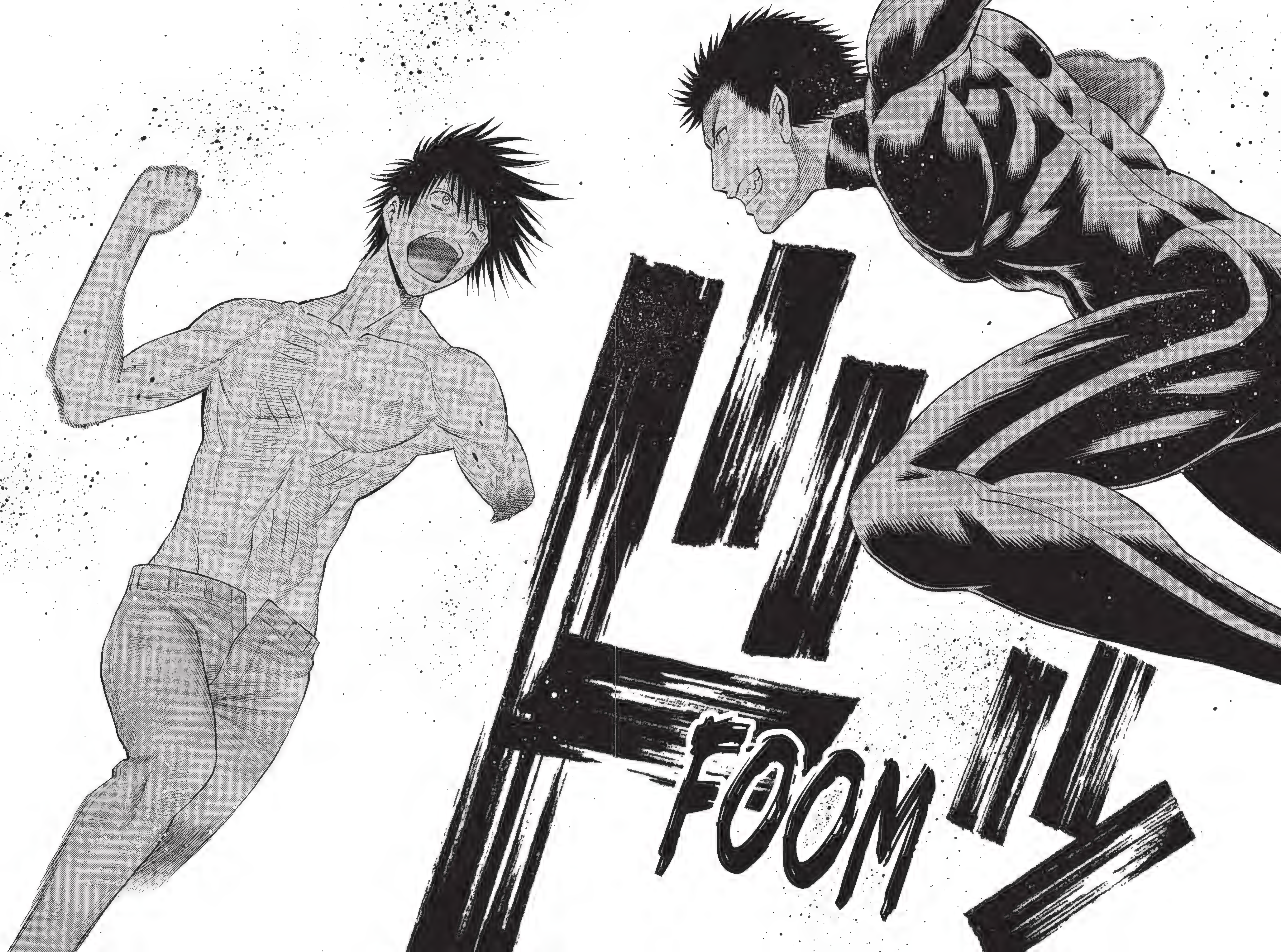


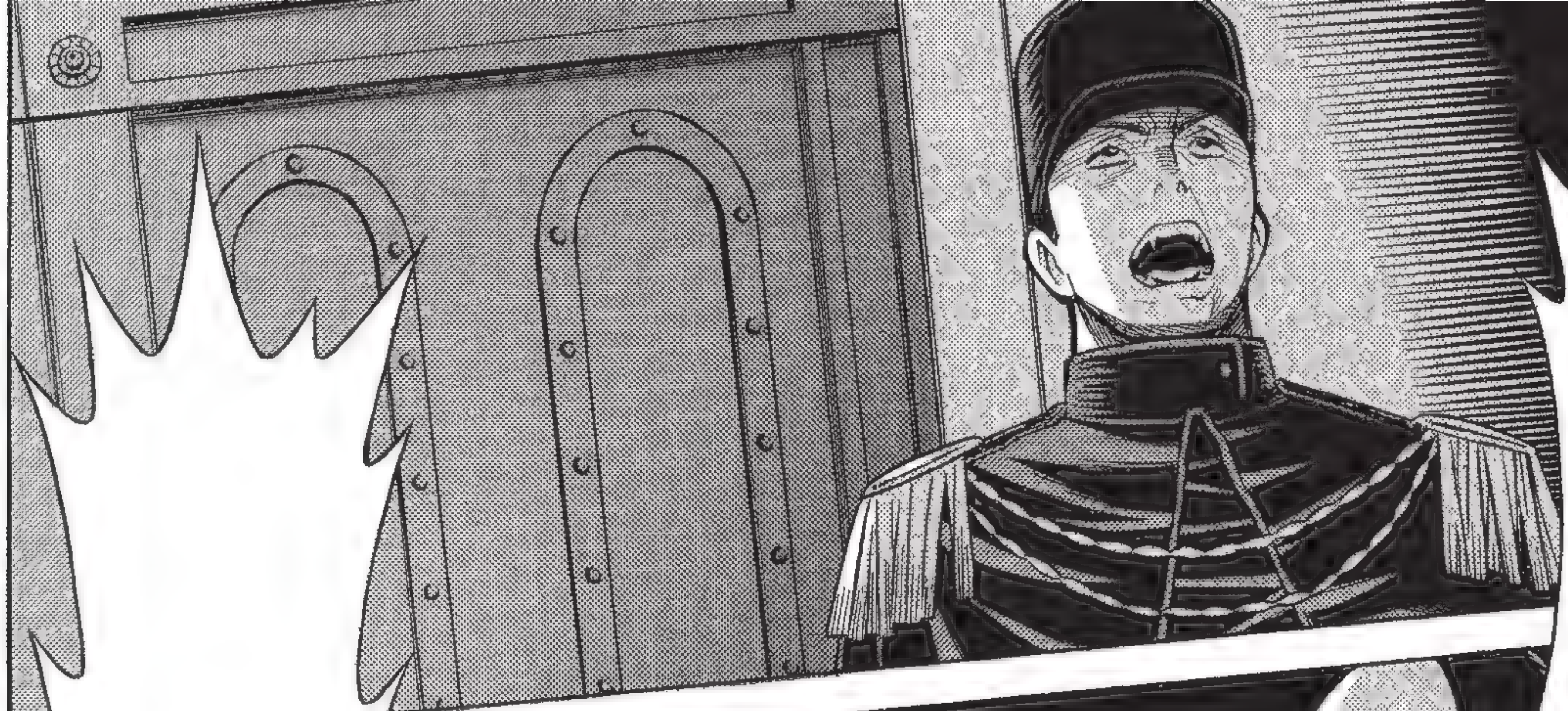
CAN YOU
STILL
STAND?





YEAH,
THAT'S
MORE
LIKE IT.

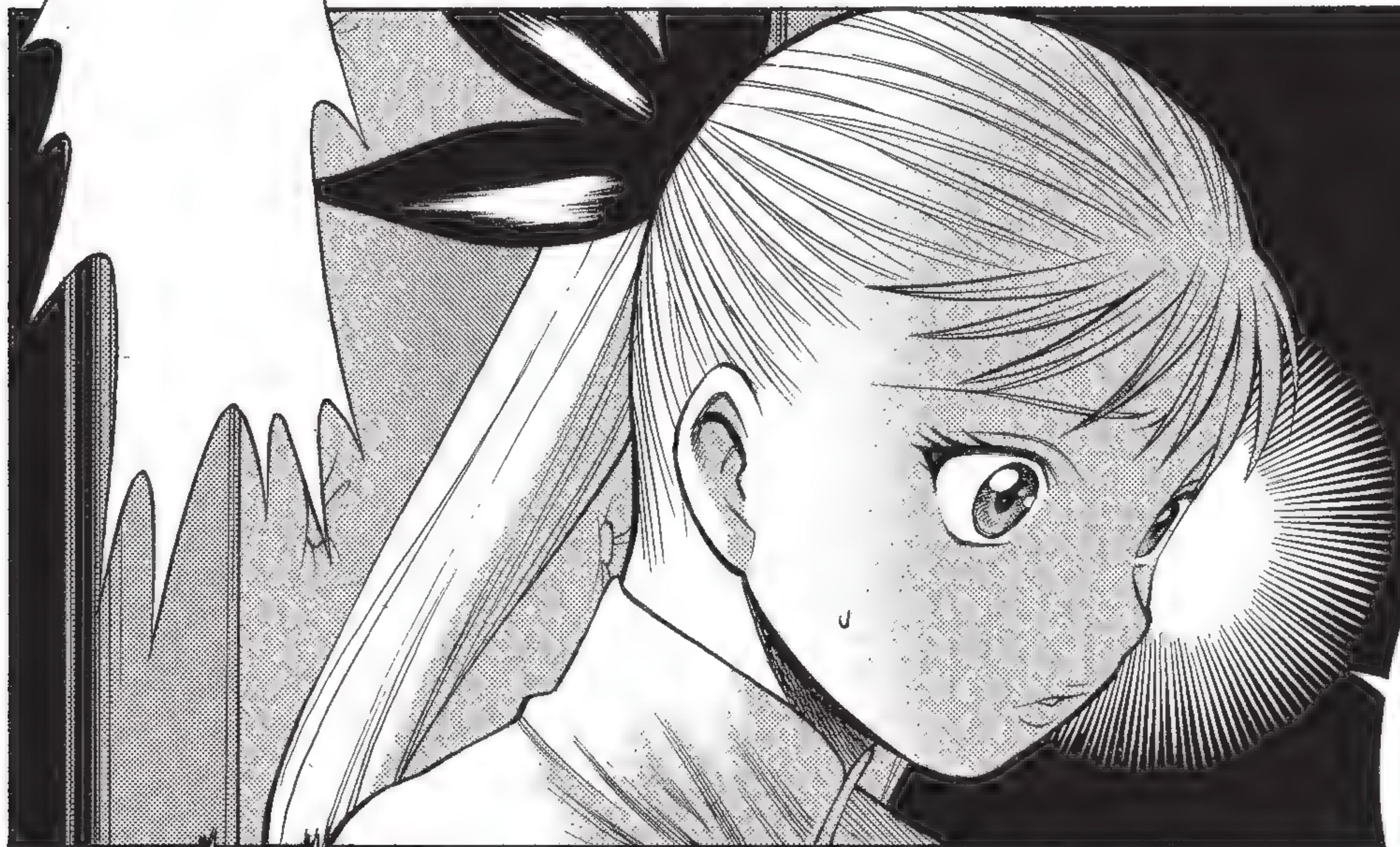




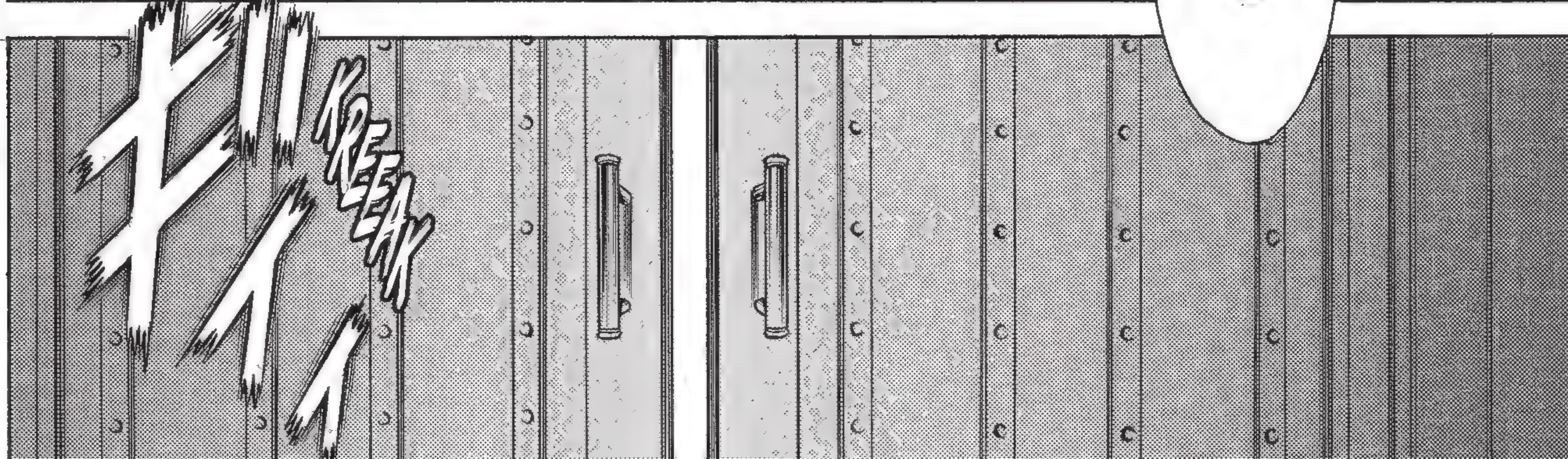
THE
VICTOR
...



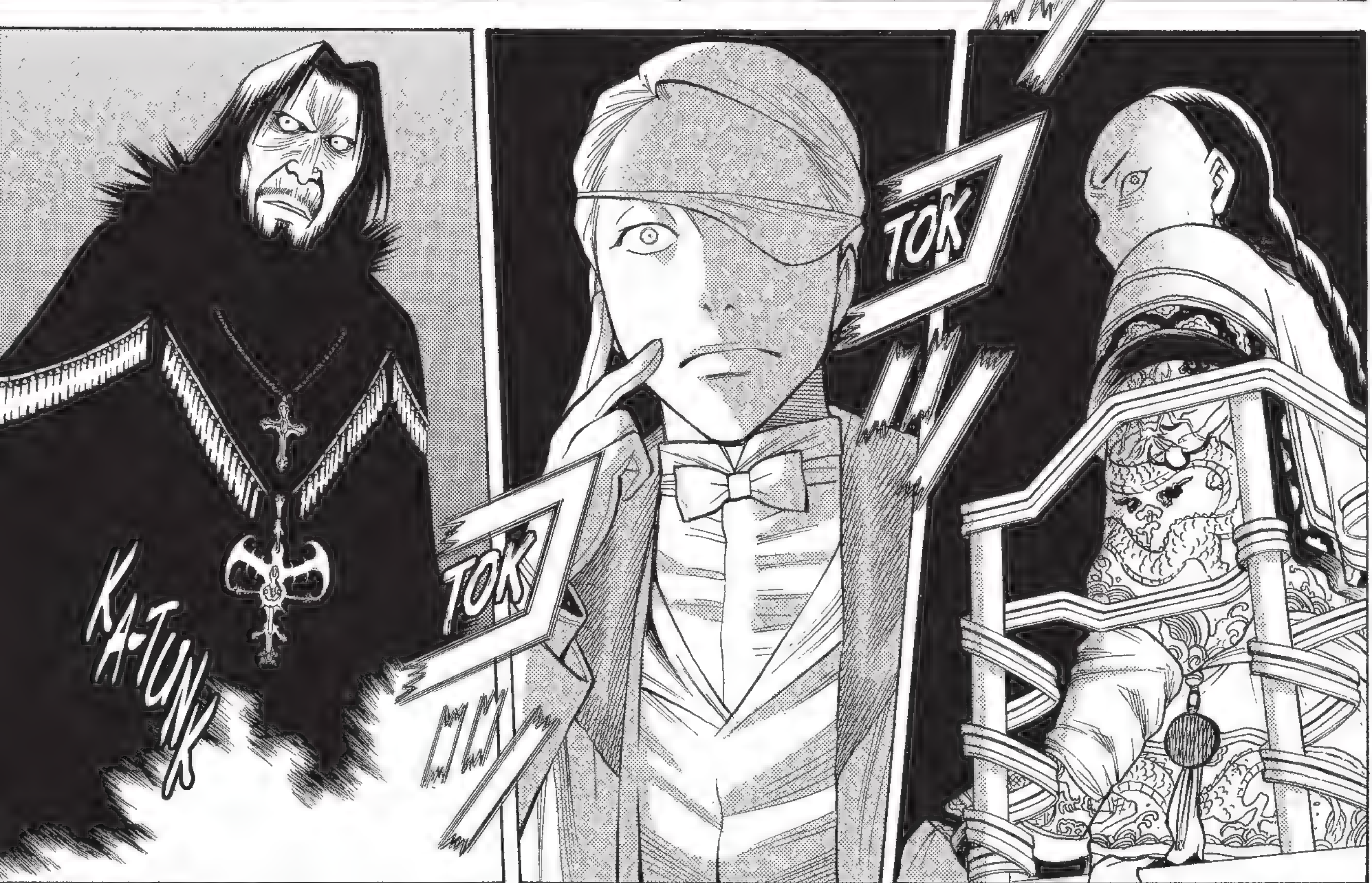
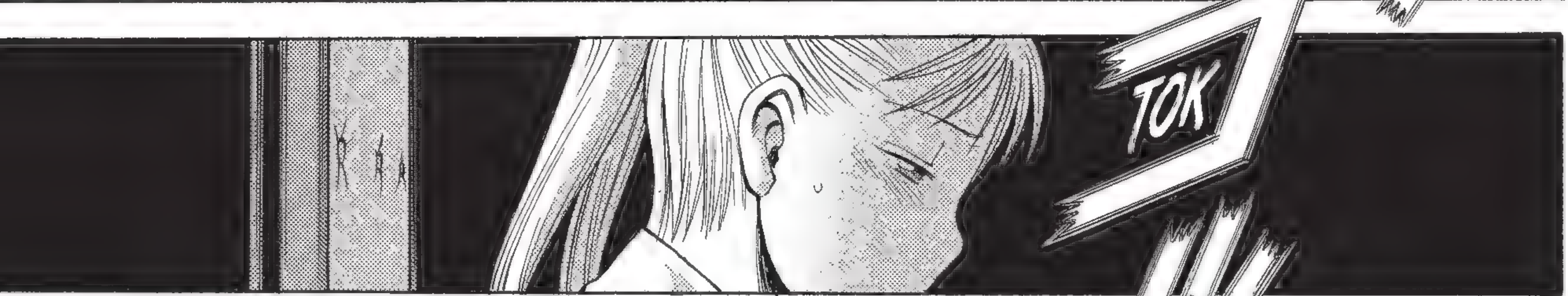
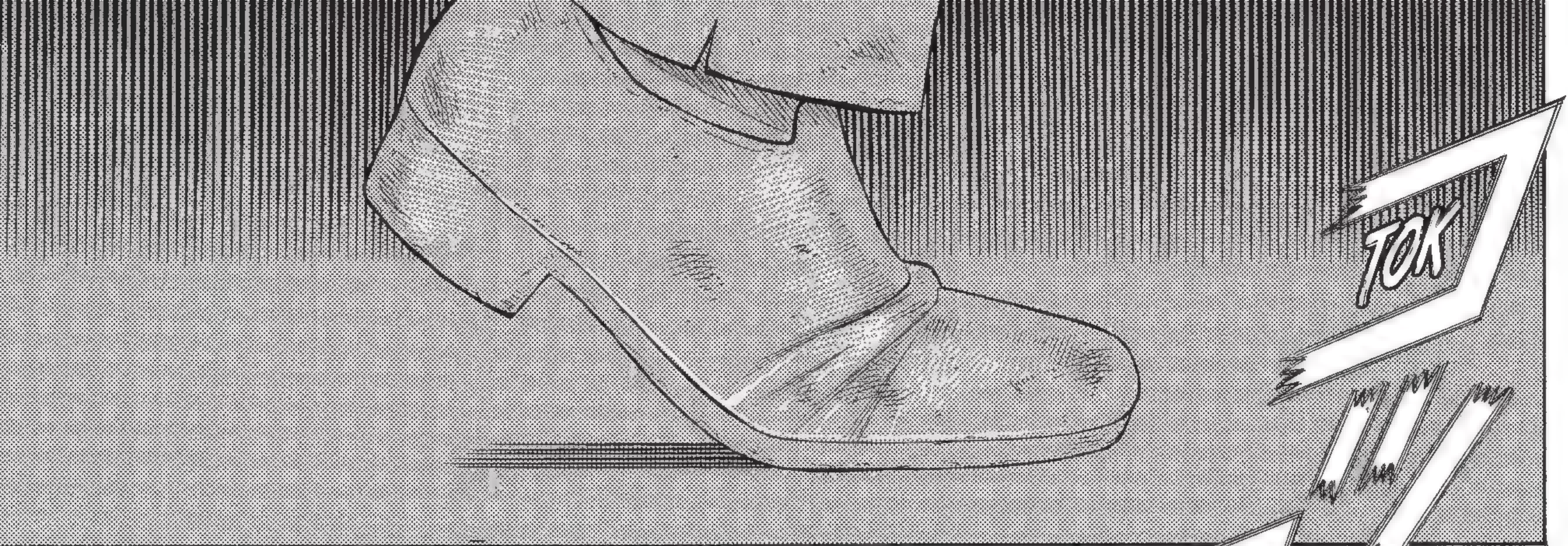
HAS
RE-
TURNED
!!

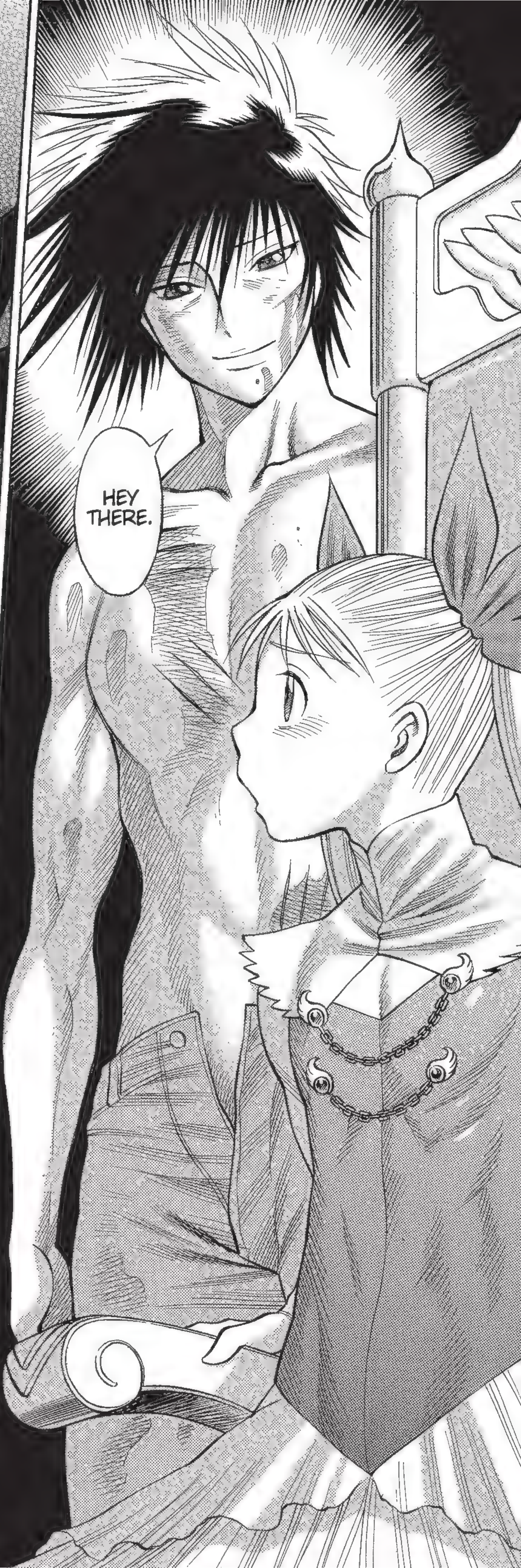
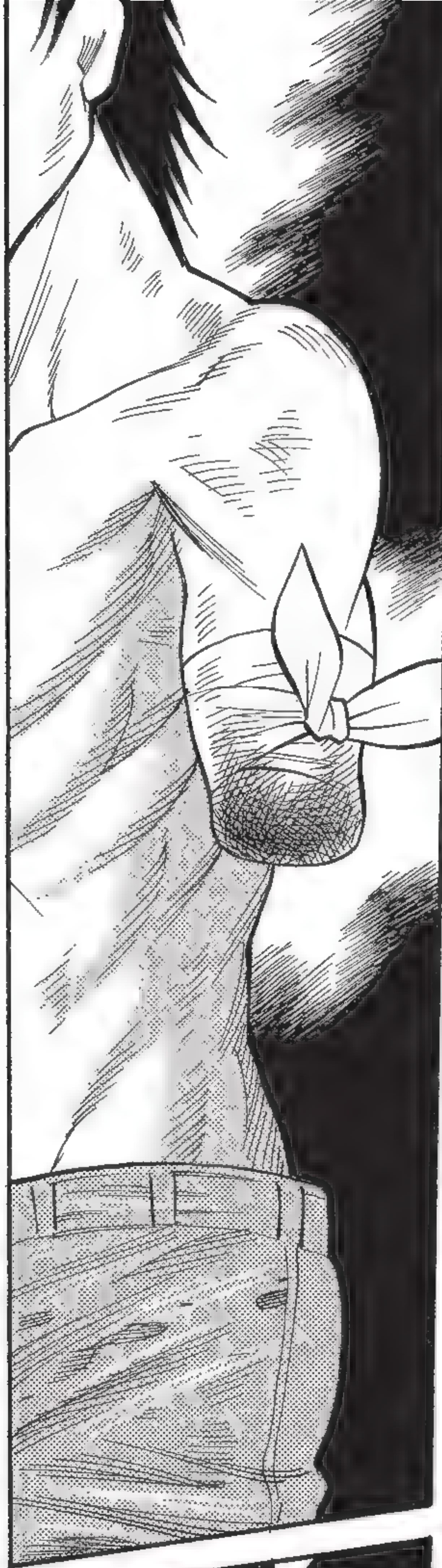


!



KREAK







NO,
HIME-
SAN...



AKIRA,
YOU'RE...!



YOU MUST
NEVER,
EVER
KNEEL
BEFORE
THE LIKES
OF THEM.

YOU'RE
THE
RULER.

THE
RULER
NEVER
KNEELS.



HEY, IT'LL
BE ALL
RIGHT
NOW. I'M
RIGHT
HERE.



IT
CAN'T
BE...

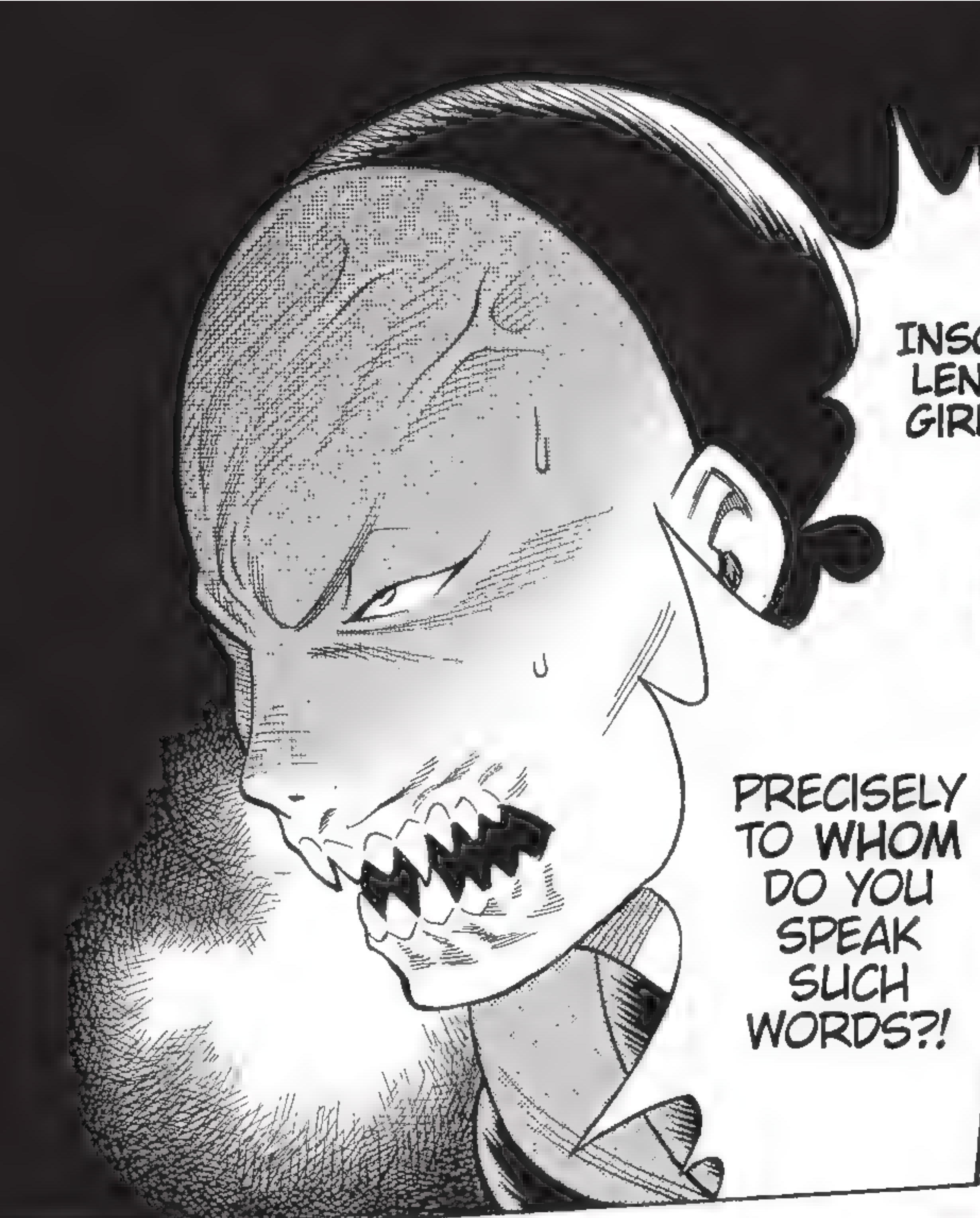
YOU
HAVE ALL
LOST THE
RIGHT
TO CLAIM
ME.

ALL OF
YOU!

HEH
...

AS THE
QUEEN OF ALL
VAMPIRES,
I ALONE
SHALL DECIDE
WHETHER I
WILL EVER
MARRY ONE
OF YOU!

I HAVE
WON
THE
WAGER!



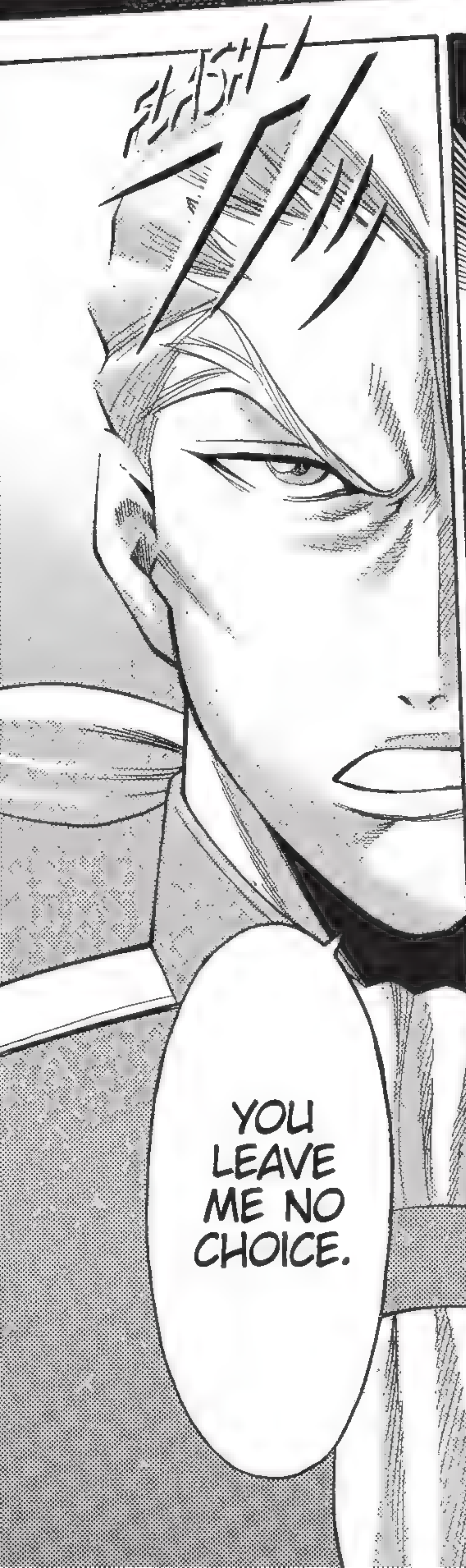
INSO-
LENT
GIRL!

PRECISELY
TO WHOM
DO YOU
SPEAK
SUCH
WORDS?!



ENOUGH
FOOLISH-
NESS!

BWA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!

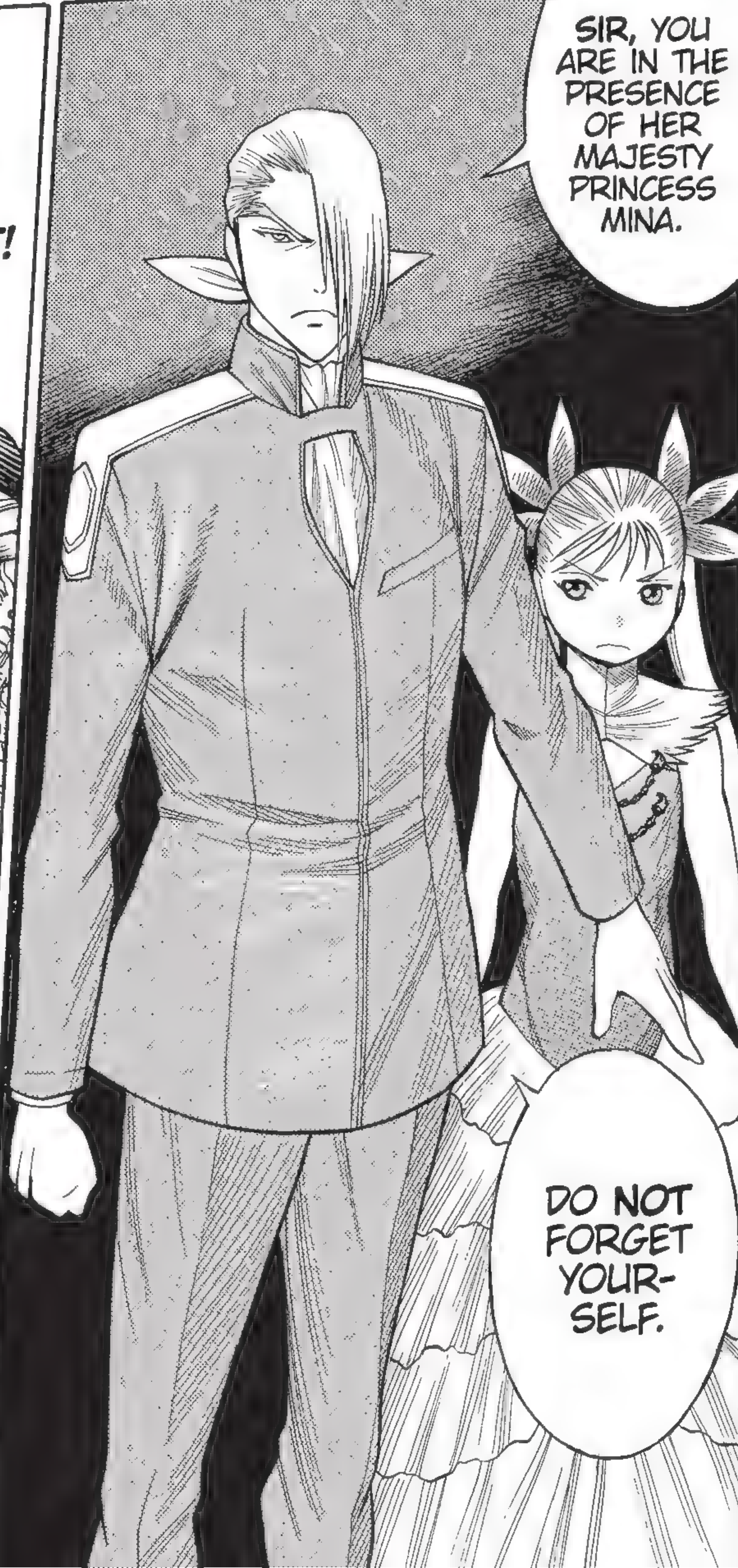


YOU
LEAVE
ME NO
CHOICE.



YOU
IN-
SECT!

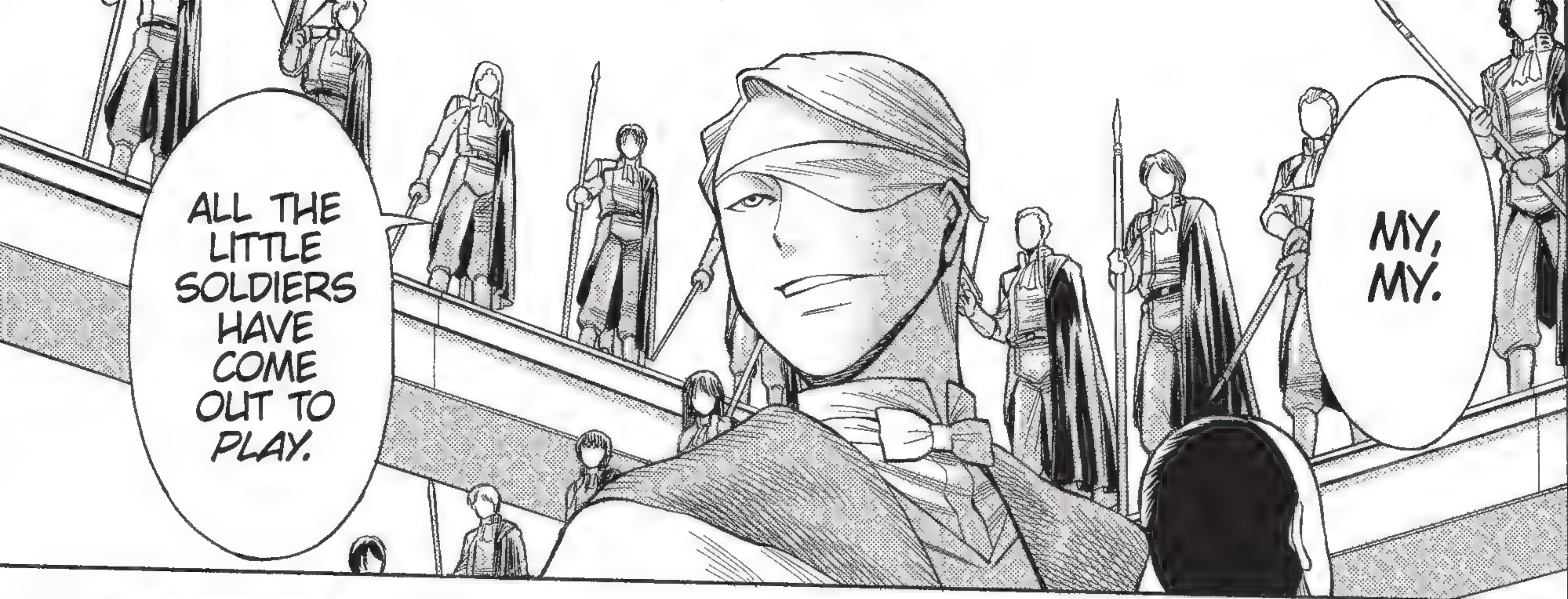
HOW
DARE
YOU
DEFY A
LEADER OF THE
THREE
CLANS?!



SIR, YOU
ARE IN THE
PRESENCE
OF HER
MAJESTY
PRINCESS
MINA.

DO NOT
FORGET
YOUR-
SELF.





ALL THE
LITTLE
SOLDIERS
HAVE
COME
OUT TO
PLAY.

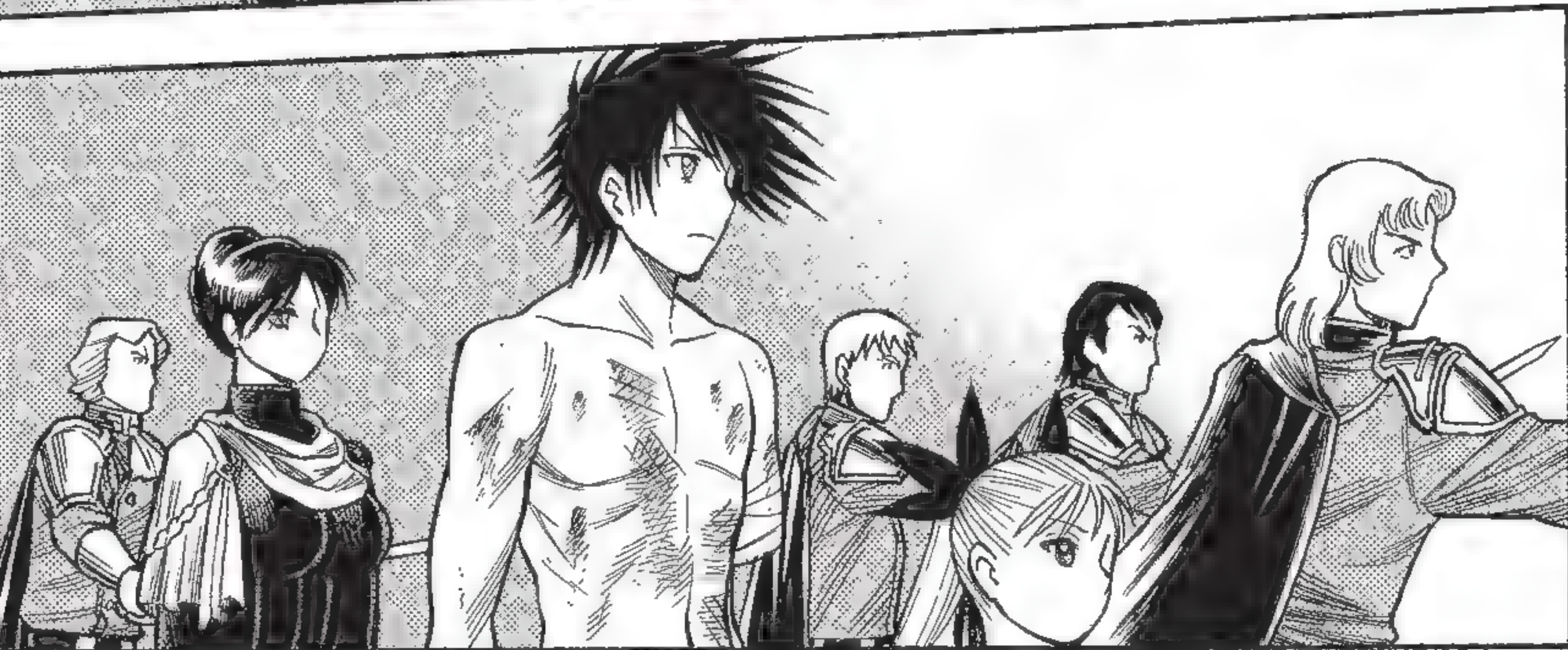
MY,
MY.



DO NOT
THINK FOR
A MOMENT
THAT THIS
LITTLE
ARMY
COULD
POSSIBLY
TAKE US.

THOUGH
OUR
BODIES
MAY BE
ANCIENT,
WE ARE
THE
PROGENI-
TORS.

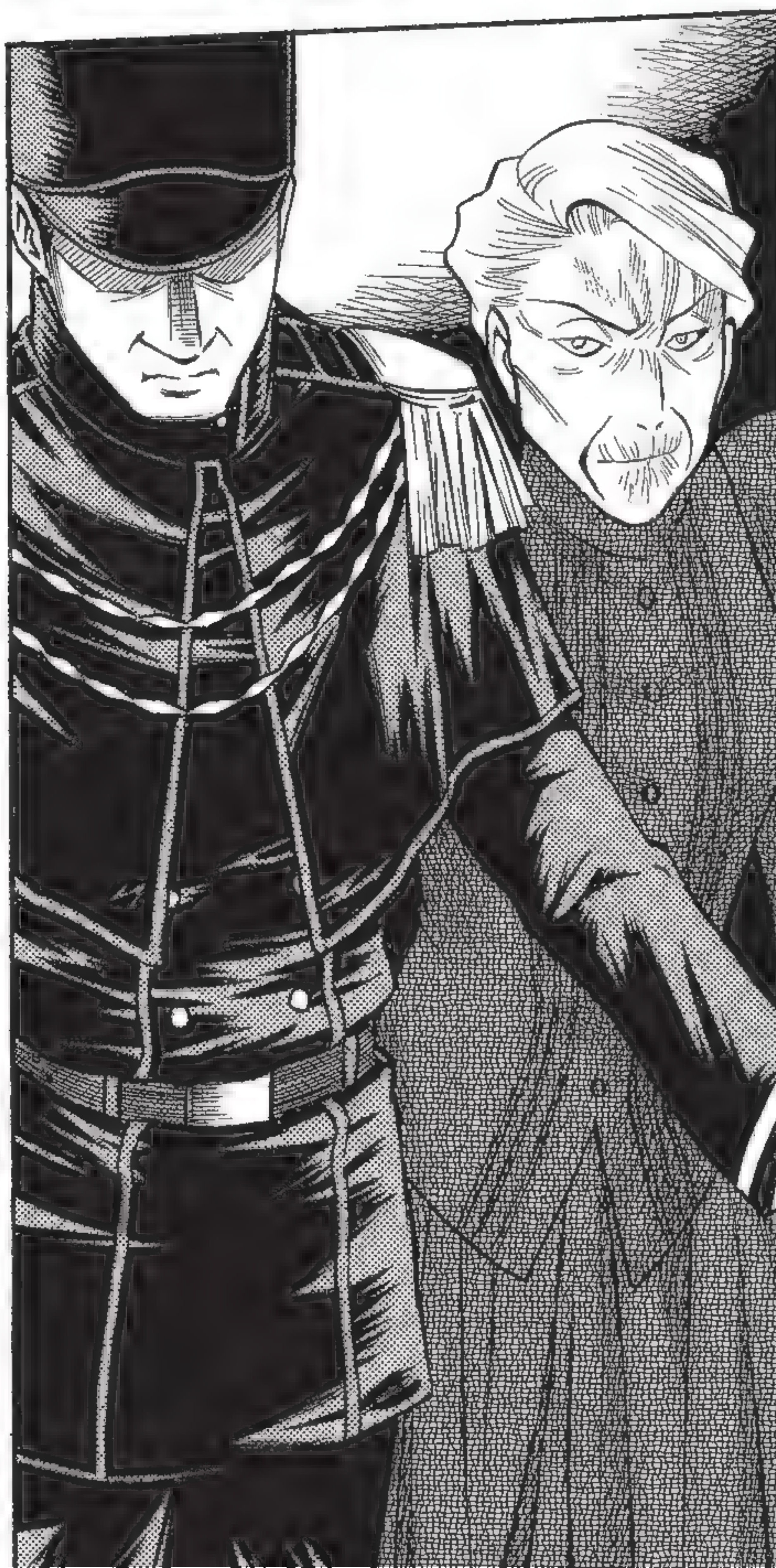
HOW
VERY
AMUS-
ING.

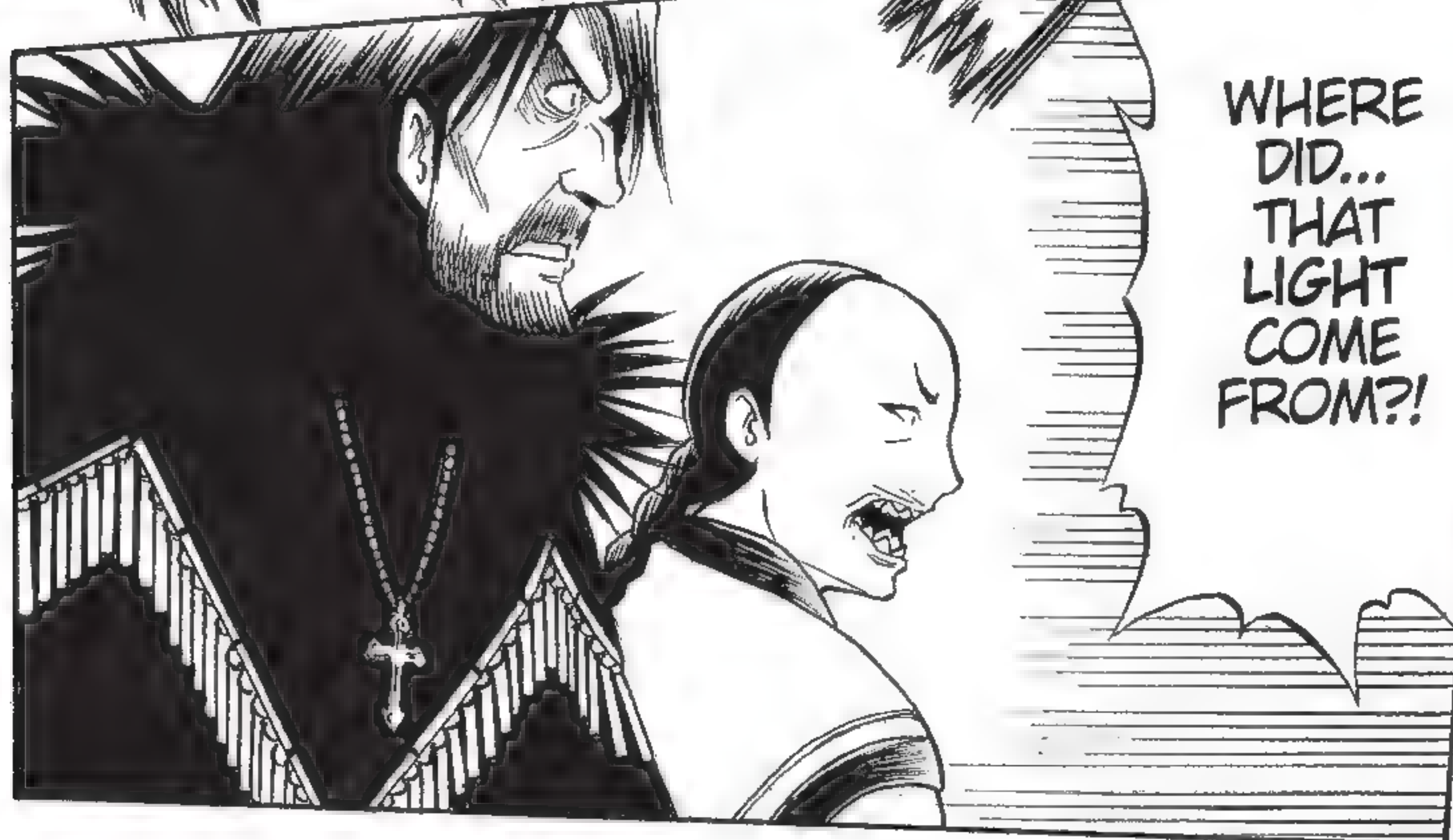


YAAAAAH!

DASH!

TING







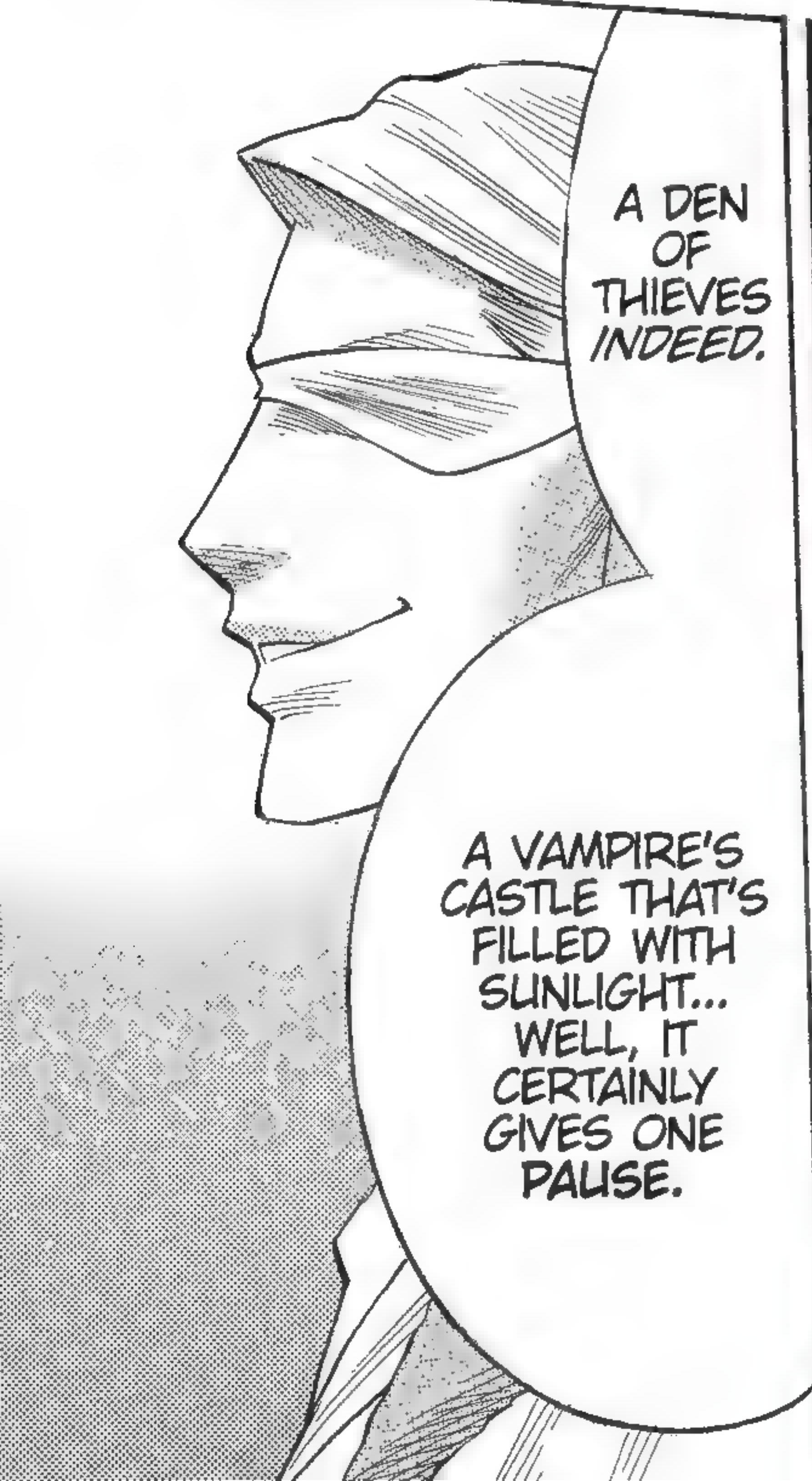
IN
SHORT...
THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO RUN.

CLEVER
...



THE WALLS
OF THIS
BUILDING
ARE OUT-
FITTED WITH
HUNDREDS
OF FIBER
OPTIC
CABLES...

THAT ARE
CAPABLE OF
REDIRECTING
EXTERIOR
SUNLIGHT TO
ANY POINT
IN THIS
BUILDING.



A DEN
OF
THIEVES
INDEED.

A VAMPIRE'S
CASTLE THAT'S
FILLED WITH
SUNLIGHT...
WELL, IT
CERTAINLY
GIVES ONE
PAUSE.



THEY
APPEAR...
TO HAVE
BEEN
WIPE
D OUT.



SIR, IT
APPEARS
THAT ALL
OF OUR
SECURITY
FORCES
WITHIN
THE BUILD-
ING...

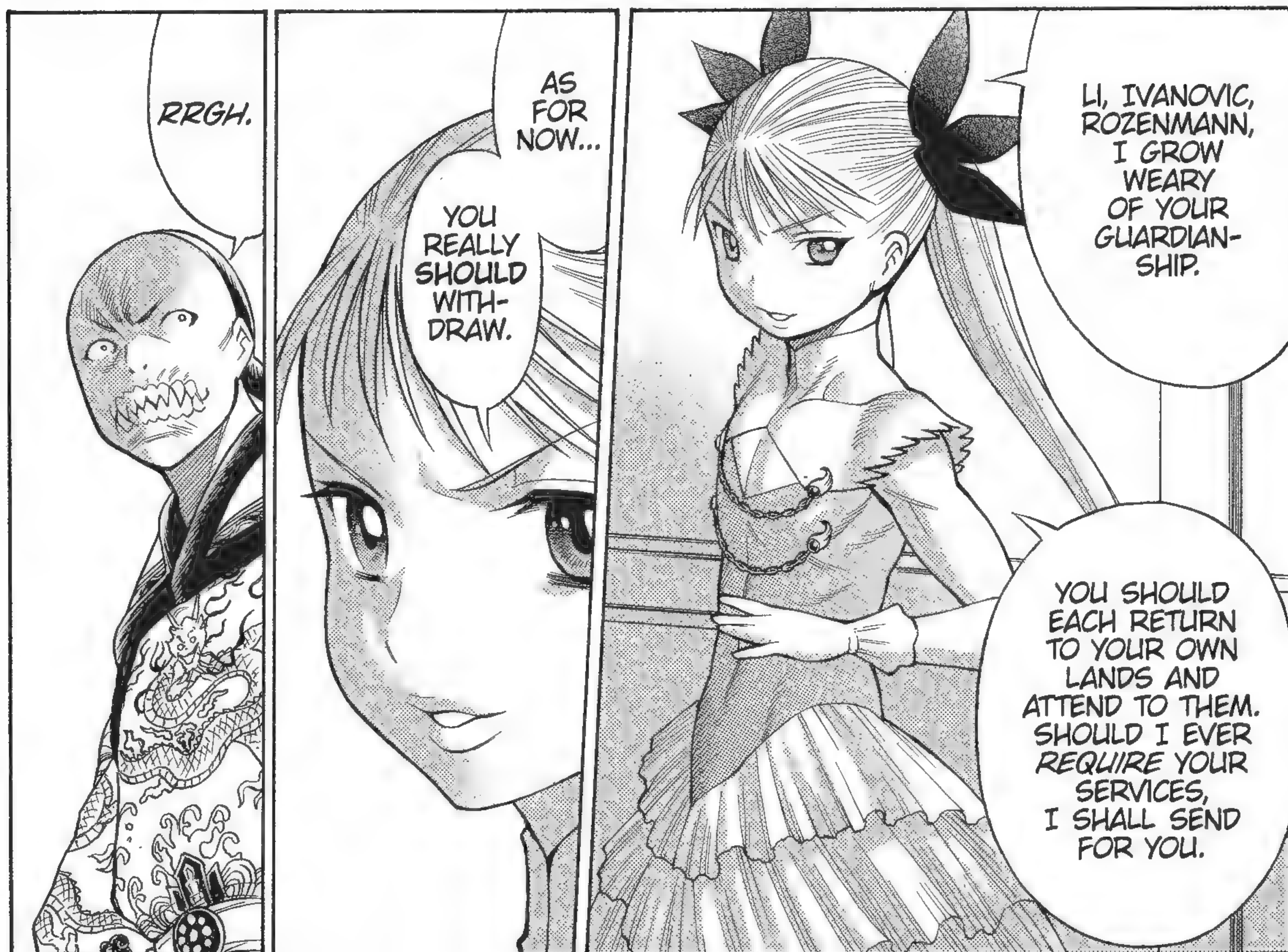
ARE
GONE.



QUITE
RIGHT.

YOUR FIRST
MISTAKE
WAS UNDER-
ESTIMATING
HER MAJESTY'S
PREPAREDNESS.
YOUR SECOND
WAS BARGING
ONTO THIS
ISLAND
UNPREPARED.

WE ANTICI-
PATED THIS
DAY WOULD
COME, AND
HAVE BEEN
QUIETLY
SHARPENING
OUR CLAWS.



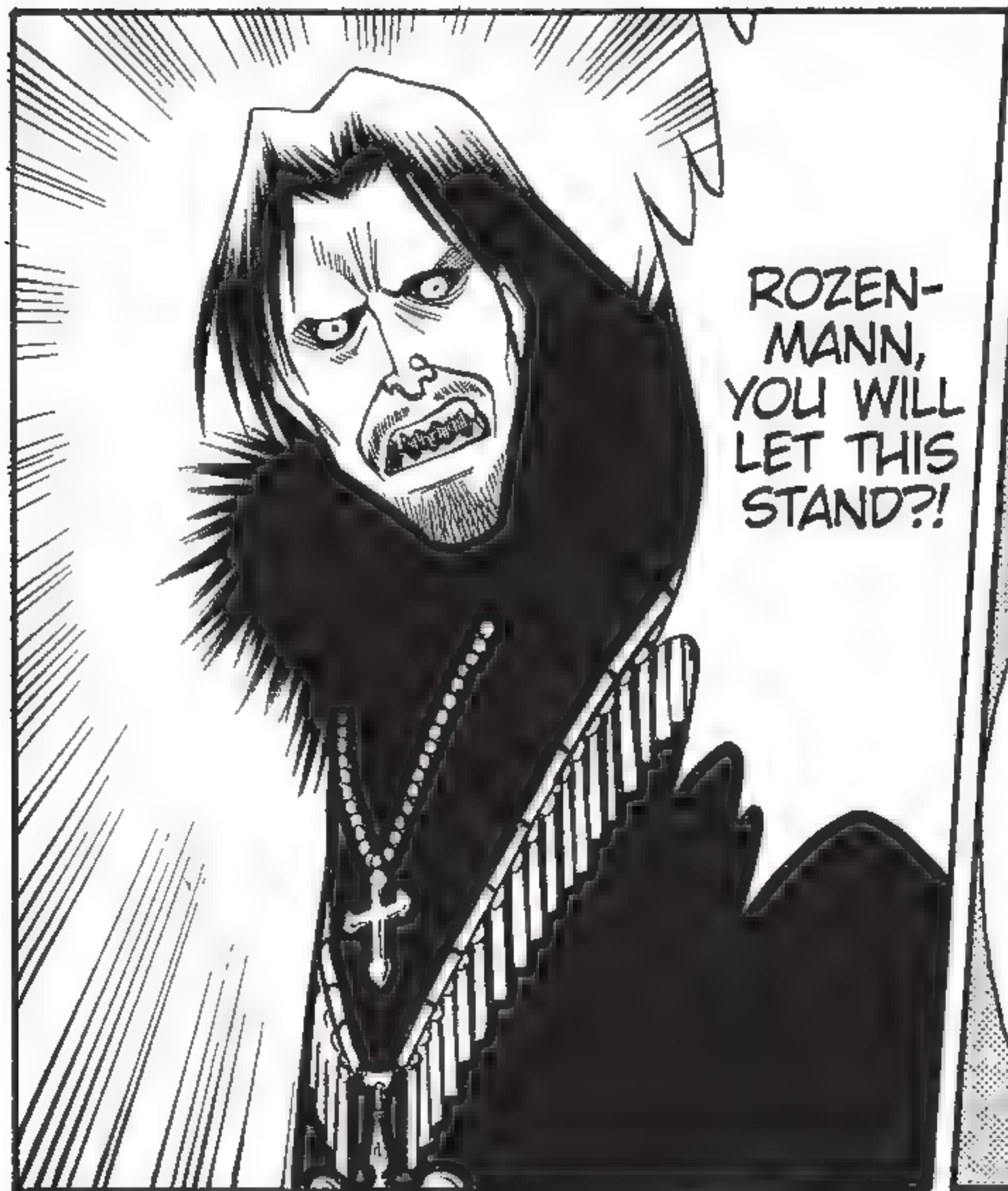
RRGH.

AS
FOR
NOW...

YOU
REALLY
SHOULD
WITH-
DRAW.

LI, IVANOVIC,
ROZENMANN,
I GROW
WEARY
OF YOUR
GUARDIAN-
SHIP.

YOU SHOULD
EACH RETURN
TO YOUR OWN
LANDS AND
ATTEND TO THEM.
SHOULD I EVER
REQUIRE YOUR
SERVICES,
I SHALL SEND
FOR YOU.



ROZEN-
MANN,
YOU WILL
LET THIS
STAND?!

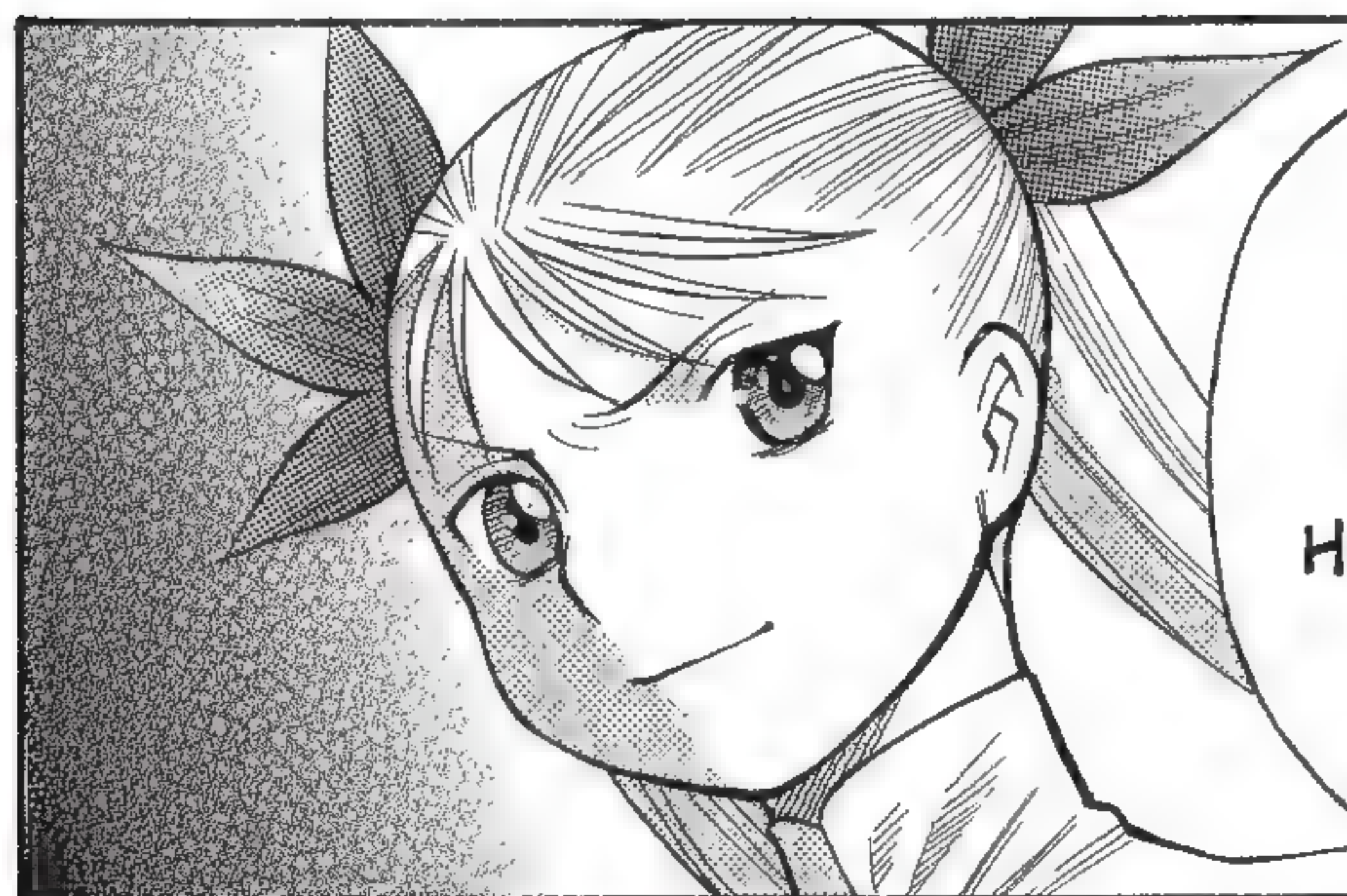


I SHALL
TAKE MY
LEAVE
OF YOU.
GOOD
DAY.



Bow

YOUR
HIGHNESS,
THIS
EVENING
HAS BEEN
TRULY
AMUSING.



IS THAT
NOT SO,
YOUR
HIGHNESS?



CALM
YOURSELF.
THE GAME
IS FAR
FROM
OVER.



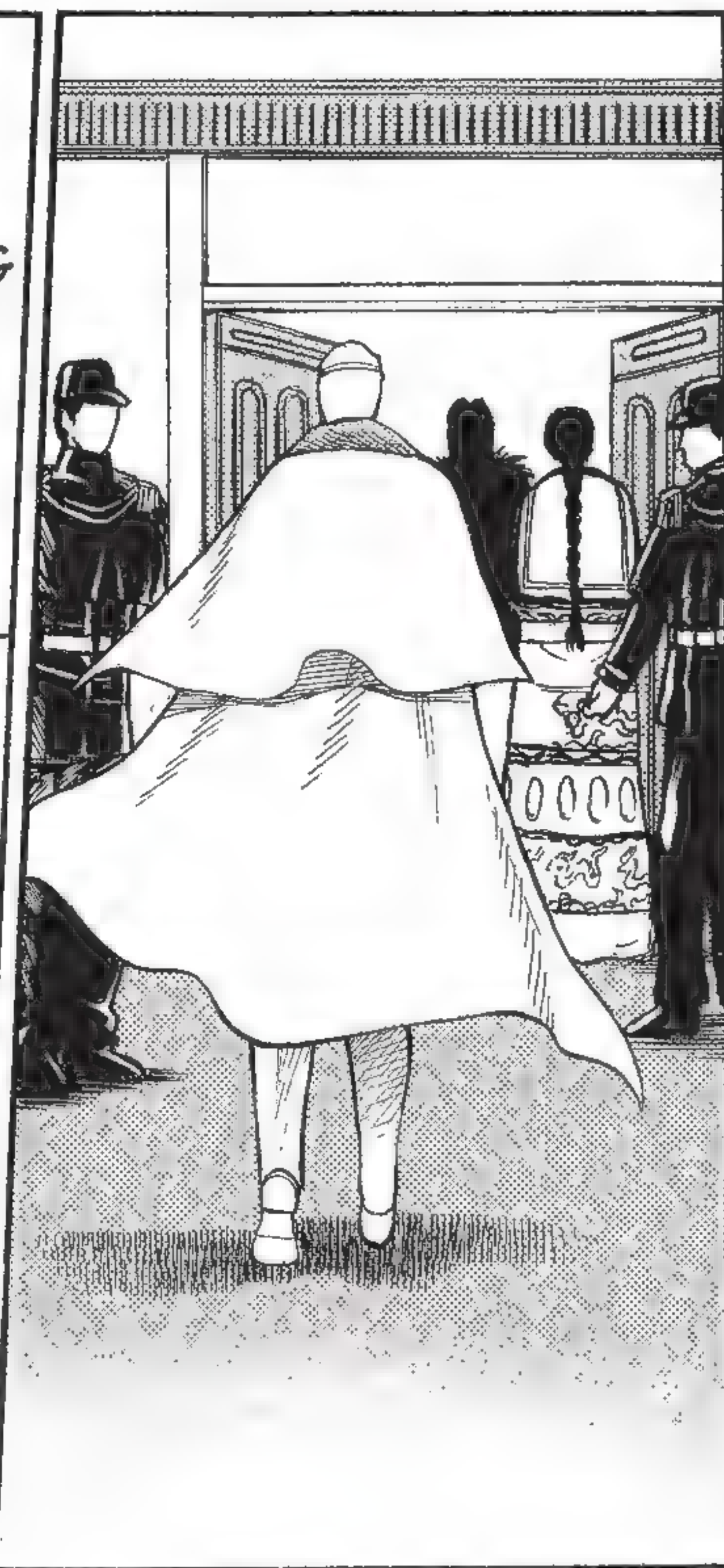
AKIRA
...

AKIRA
KABURAGI
REGEN-
DORF.

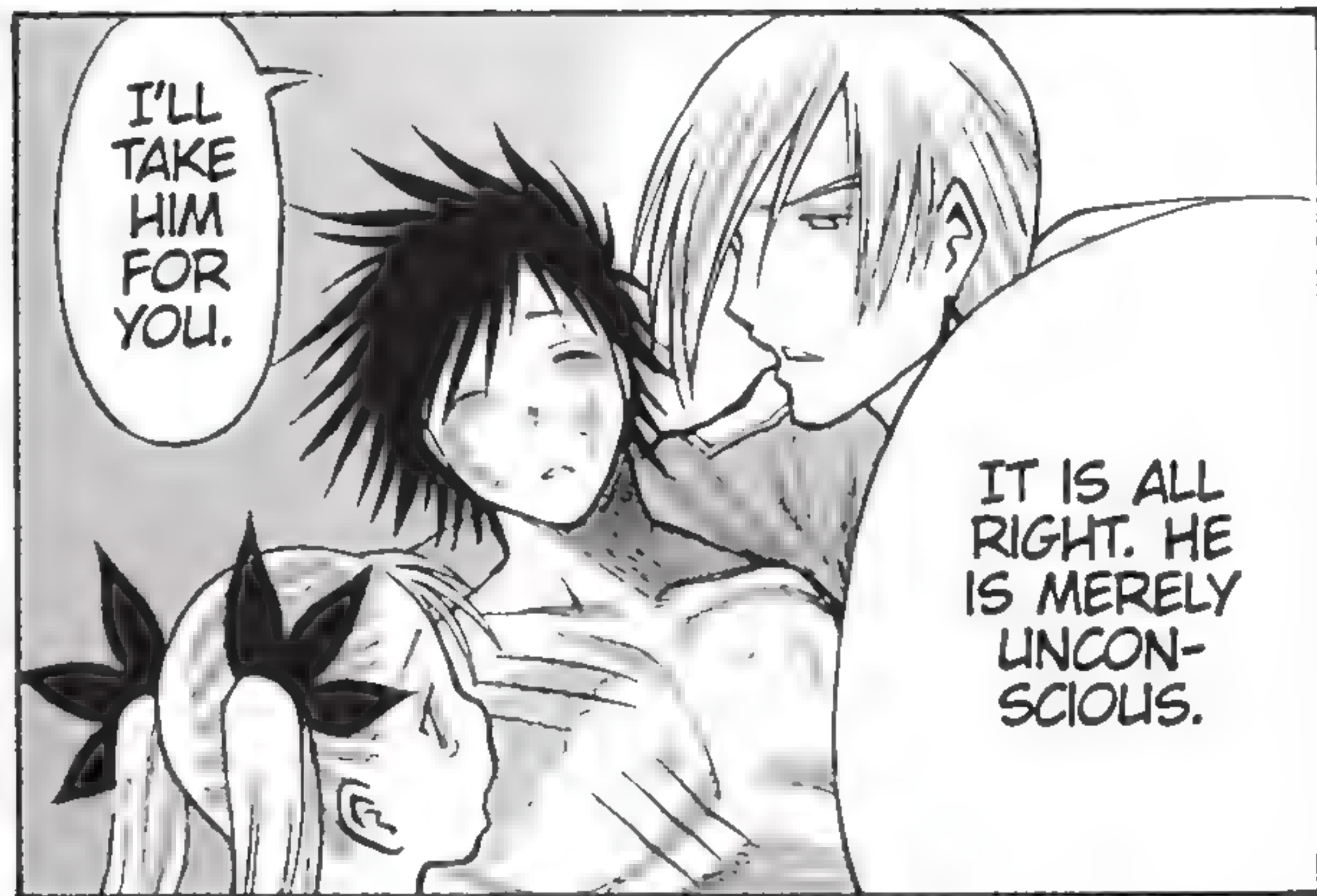


YOUNG
WOLF.

I WOULD
KNOW
YOUR
NAME.



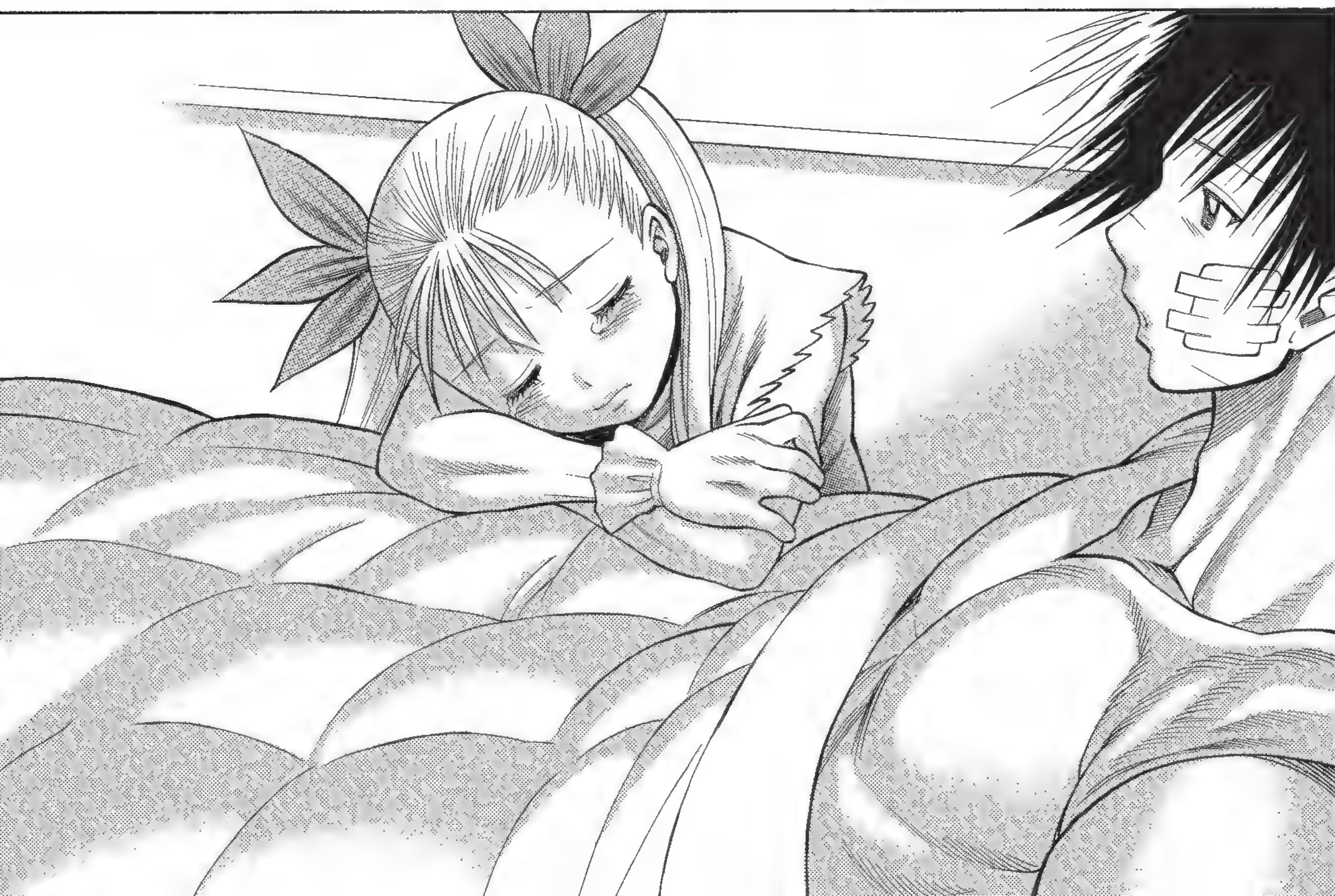
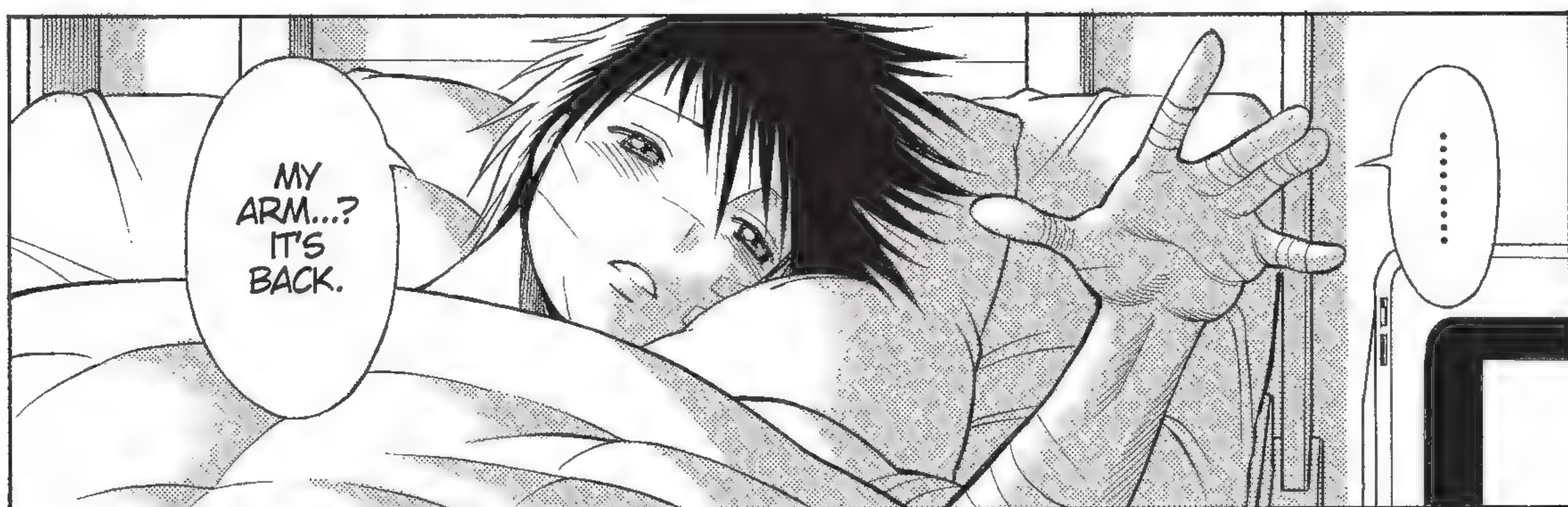
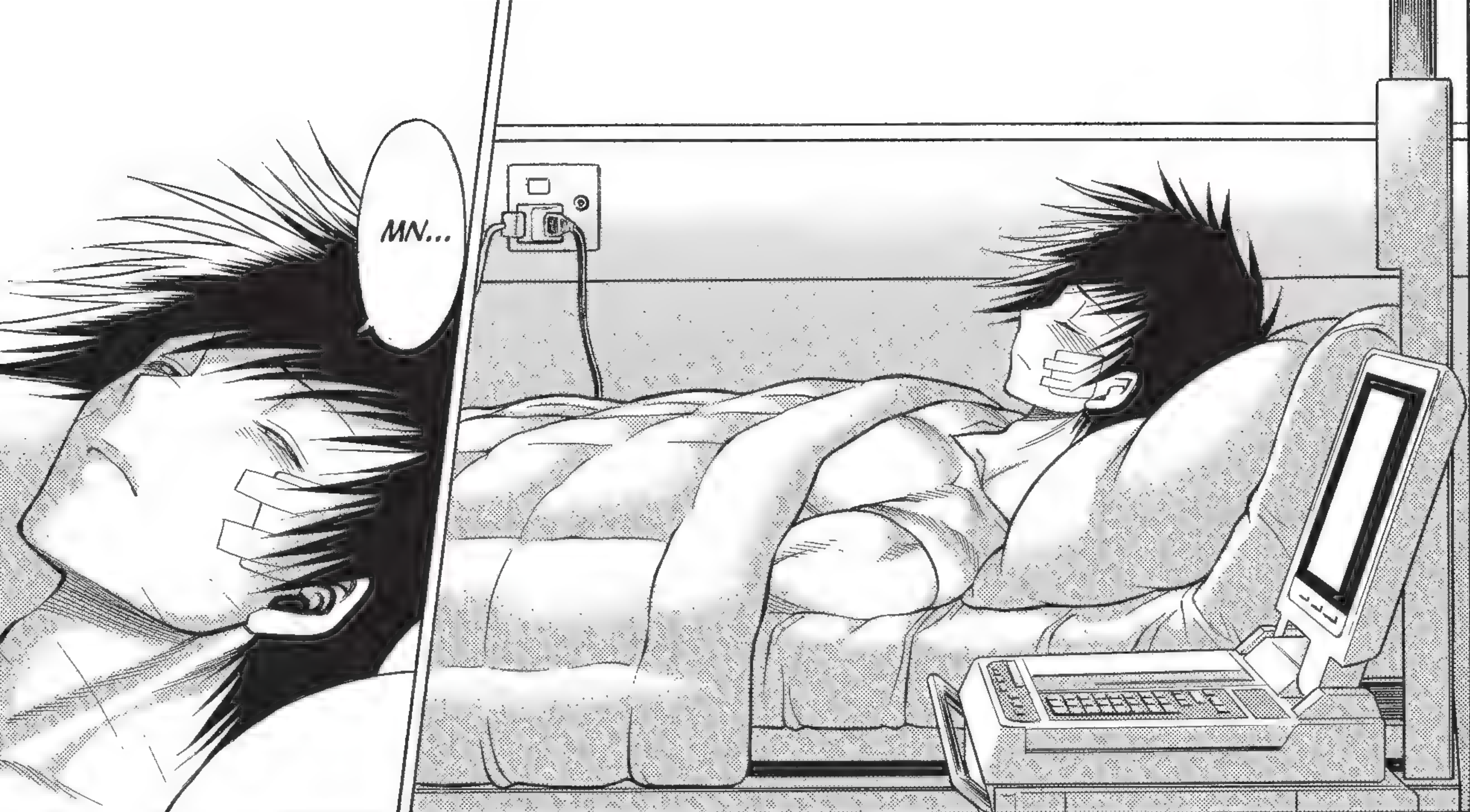


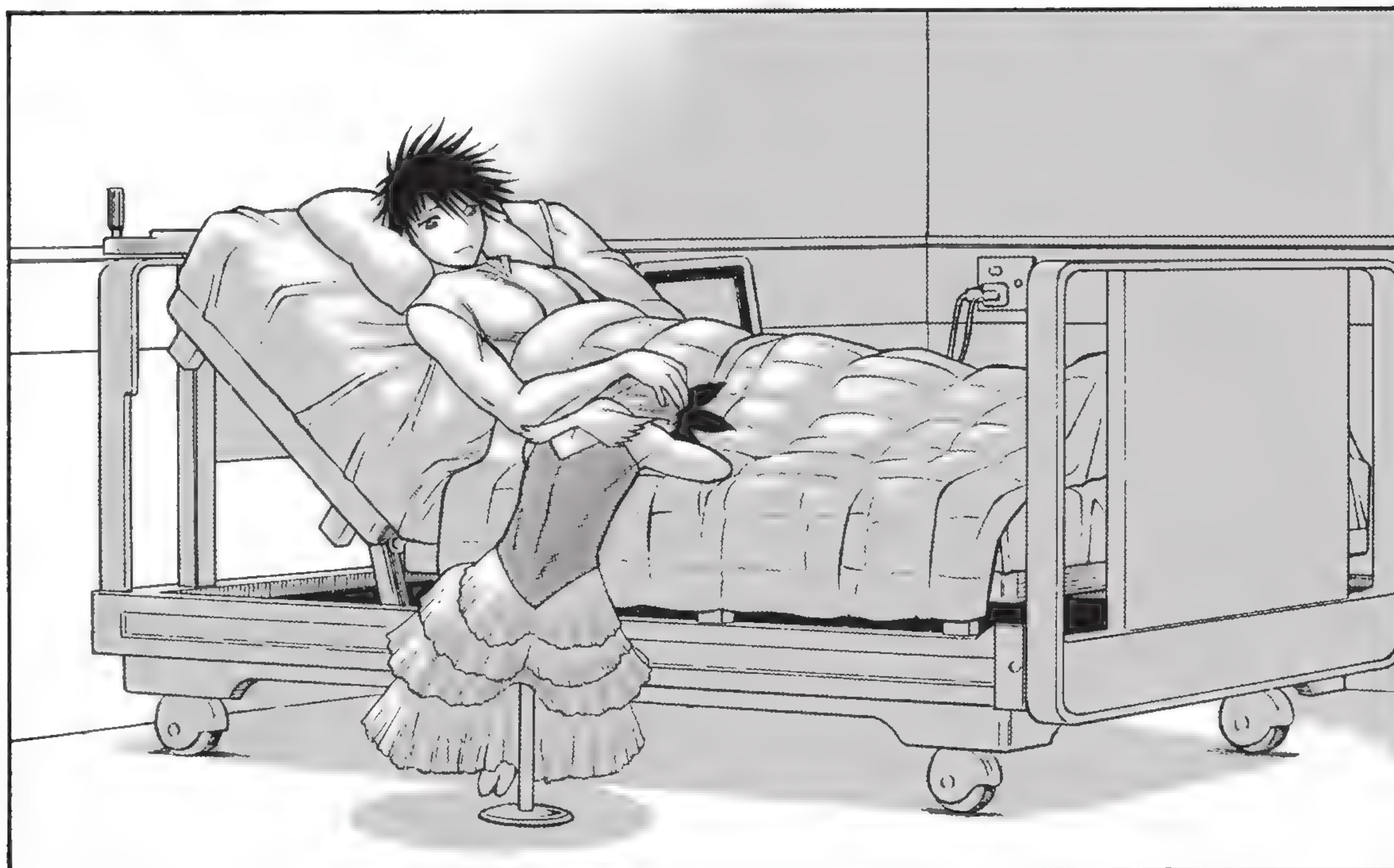
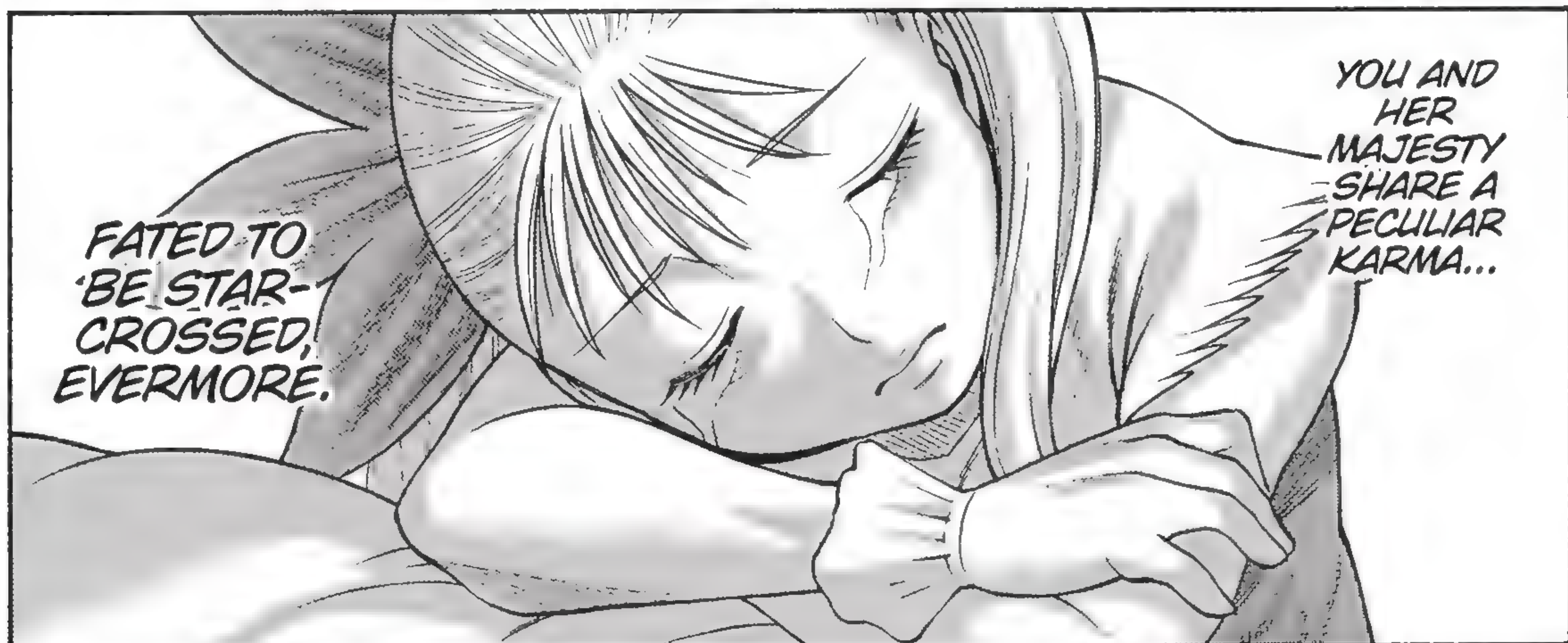
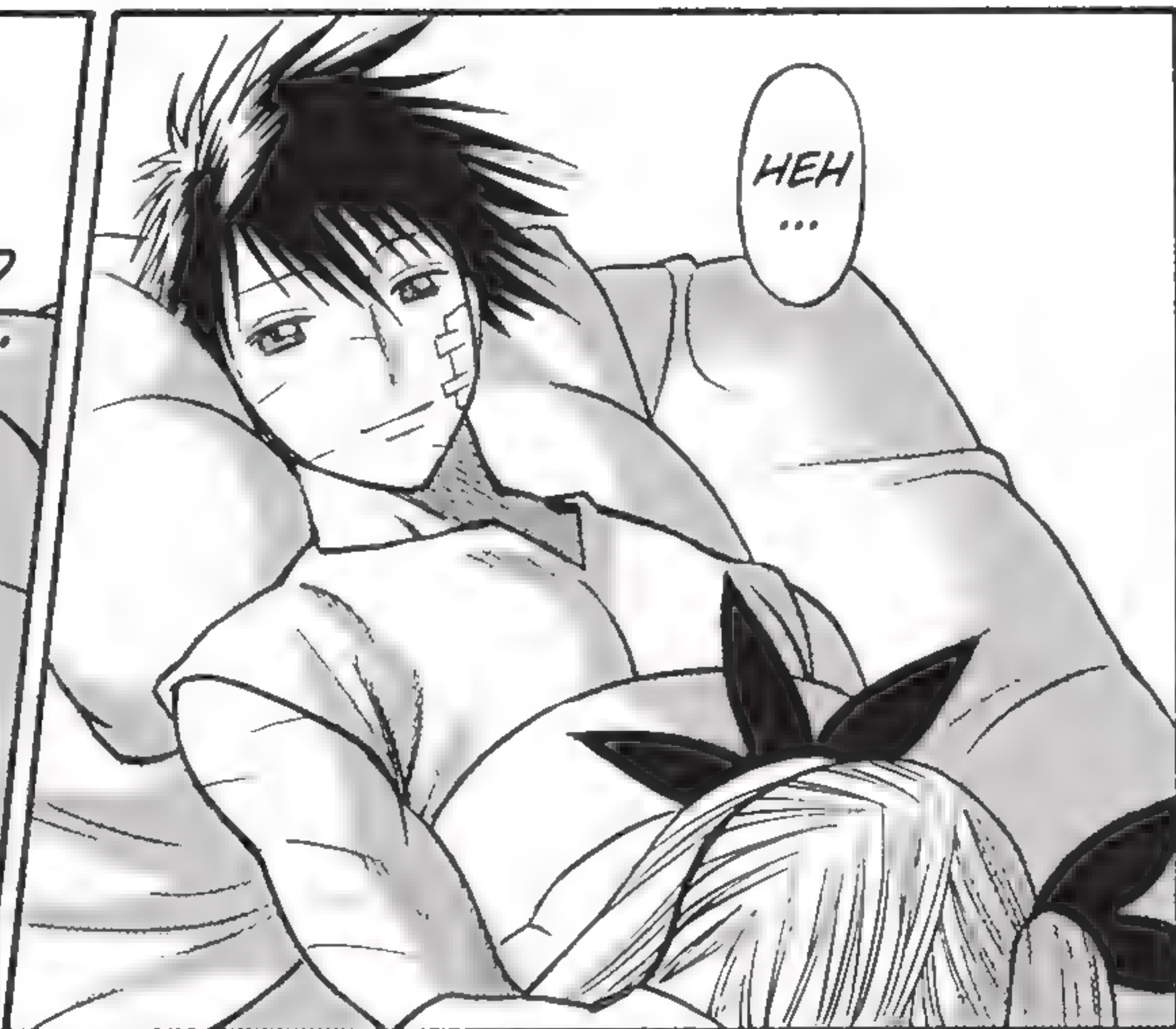


FOR
THE
CHAMP-
ION!!

THREE
CHEERS!







TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 6

STAFF

JUGGERNAUT

TAKASHI KOMATSU

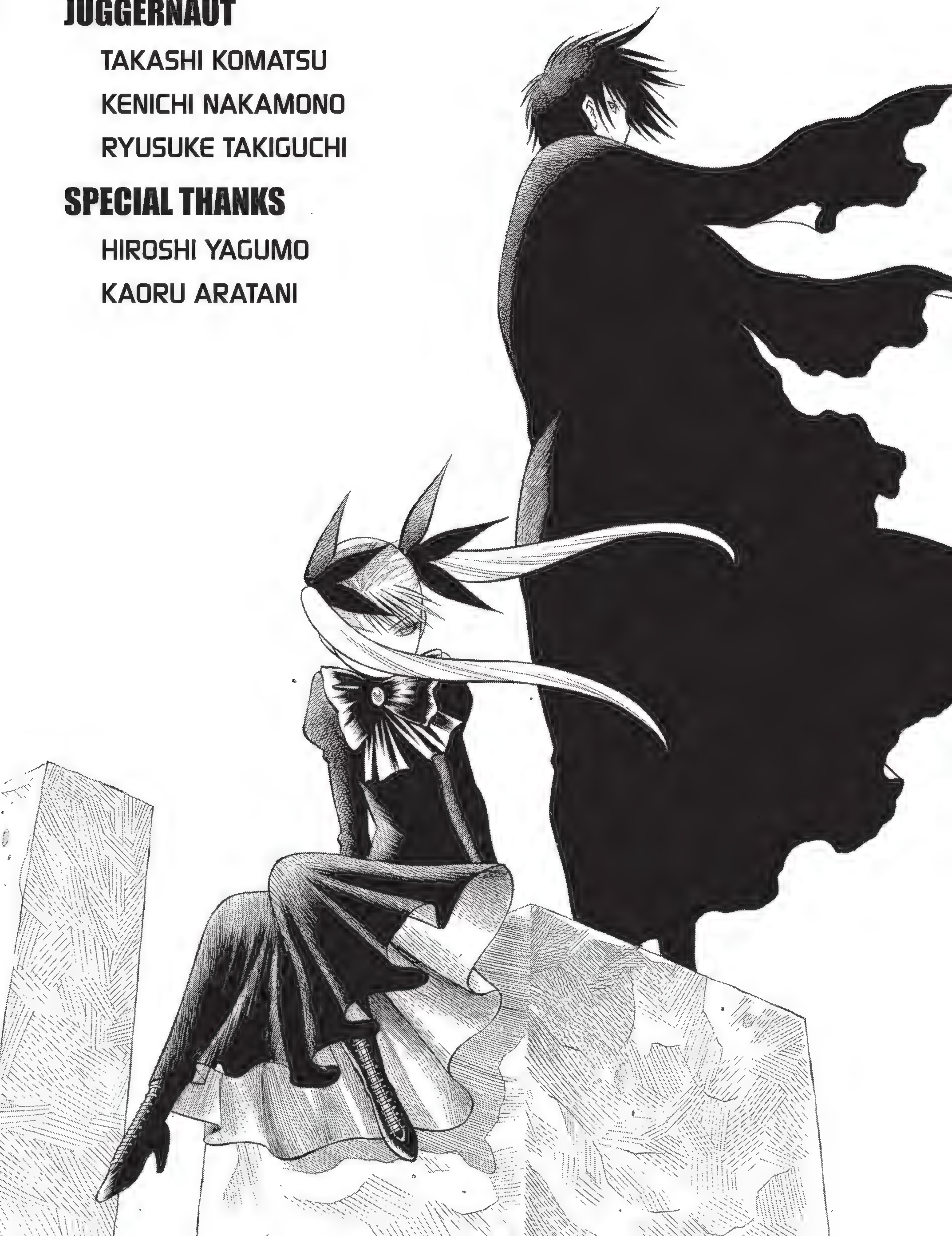
KENICHI NAKAMONO

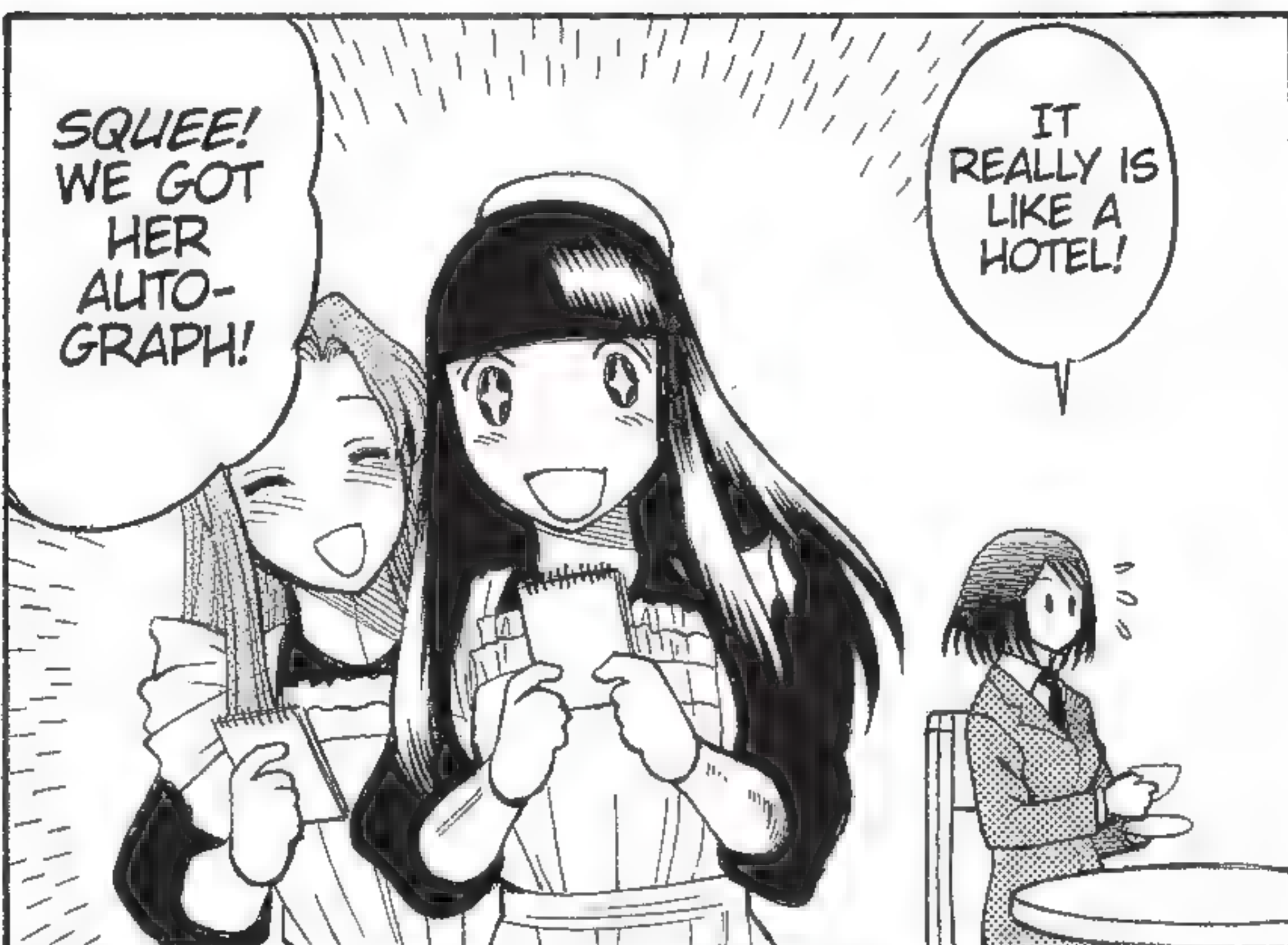
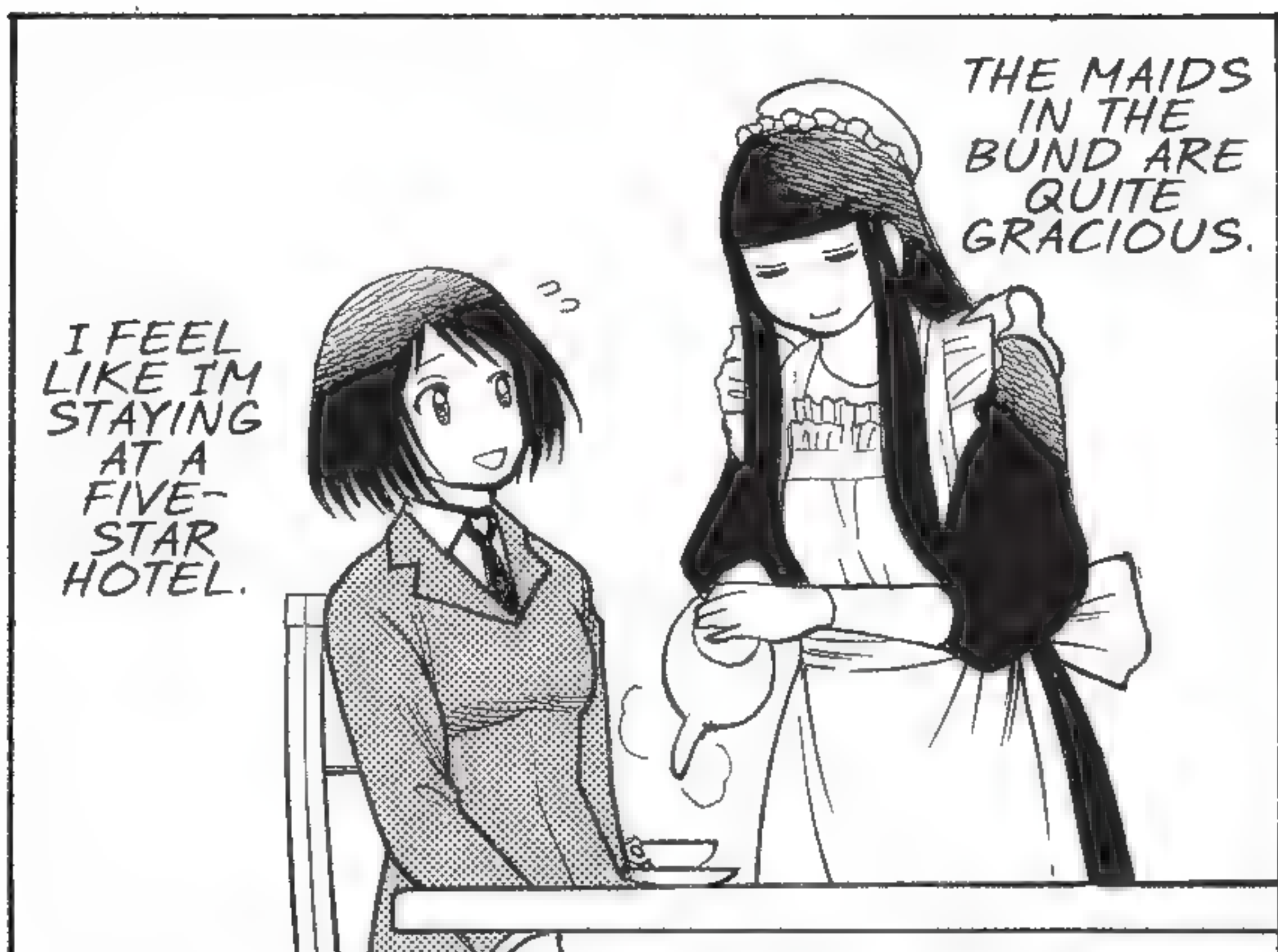
RYUSUKE TAKIGUCHI

SPECIAL THANKS

HIROSHI YAGUMO

KAORU ARATANI



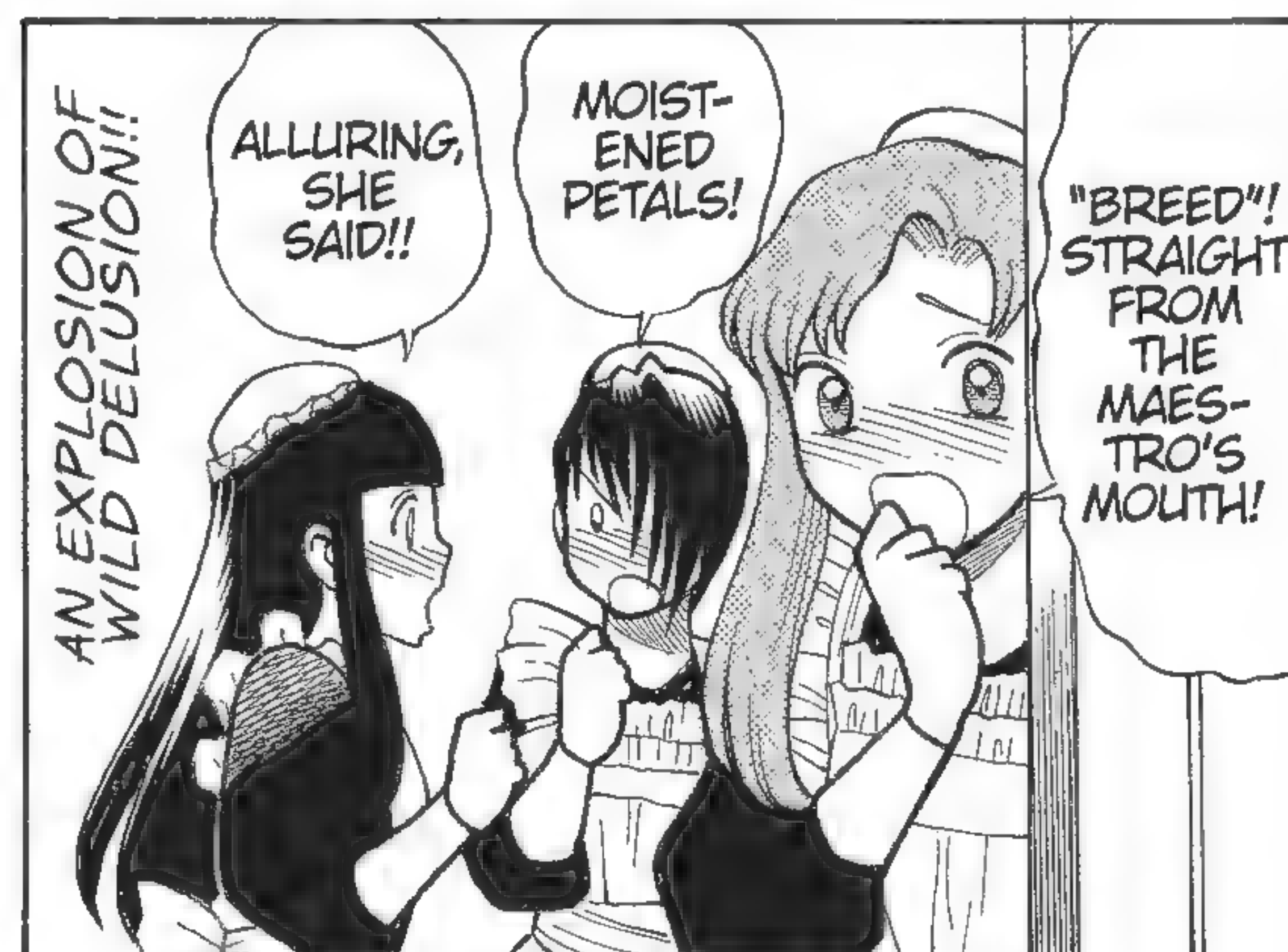
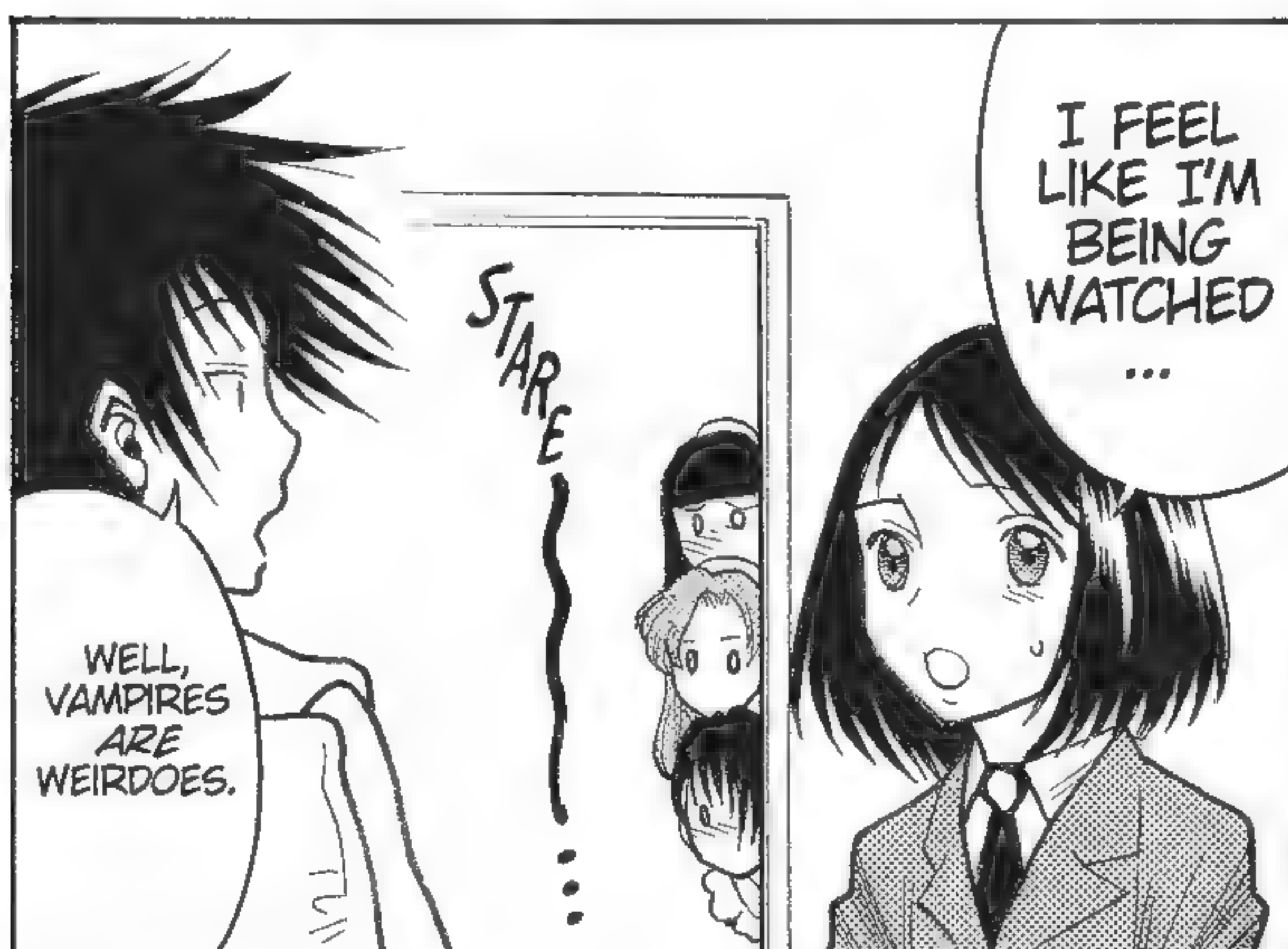
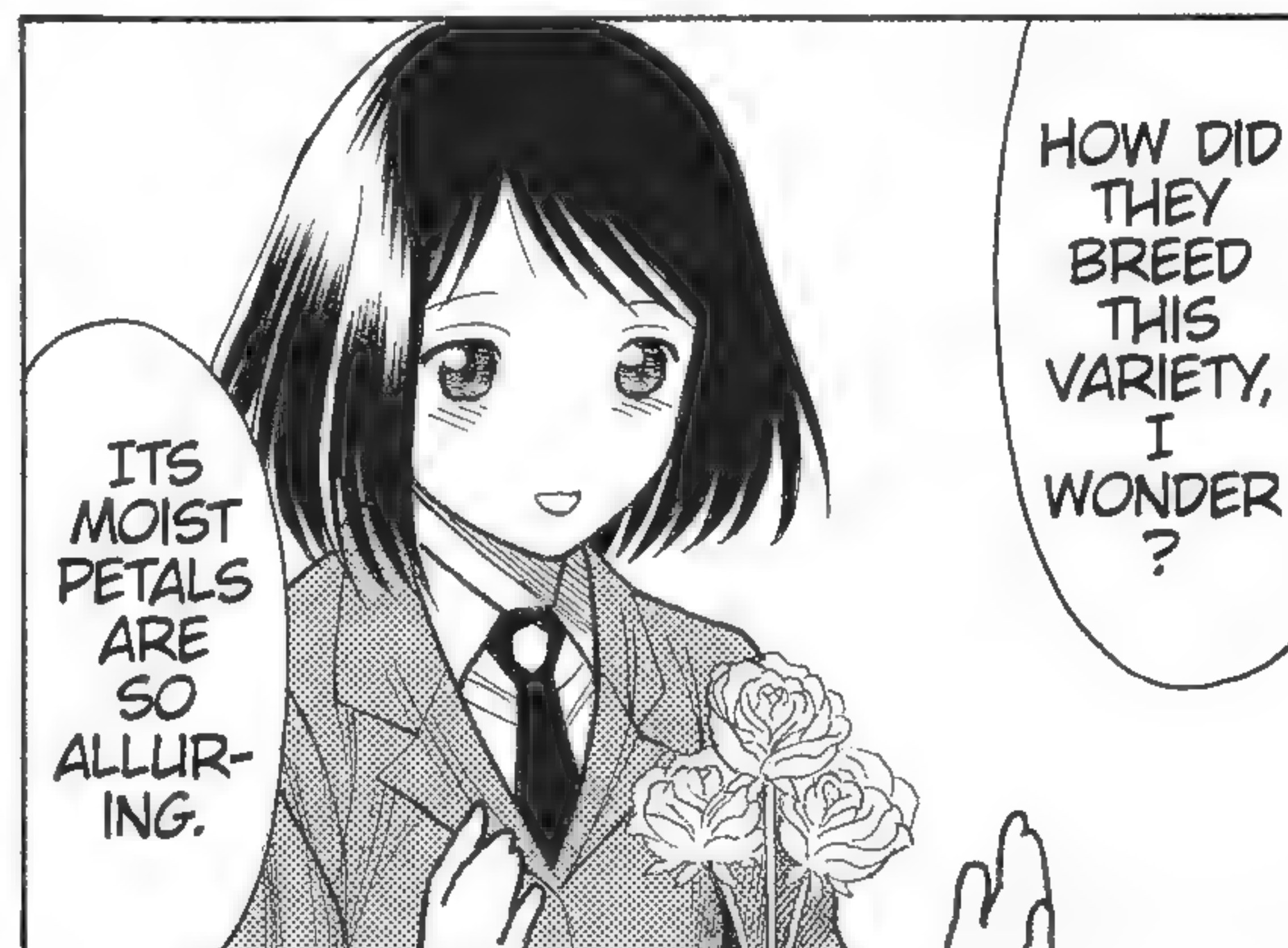
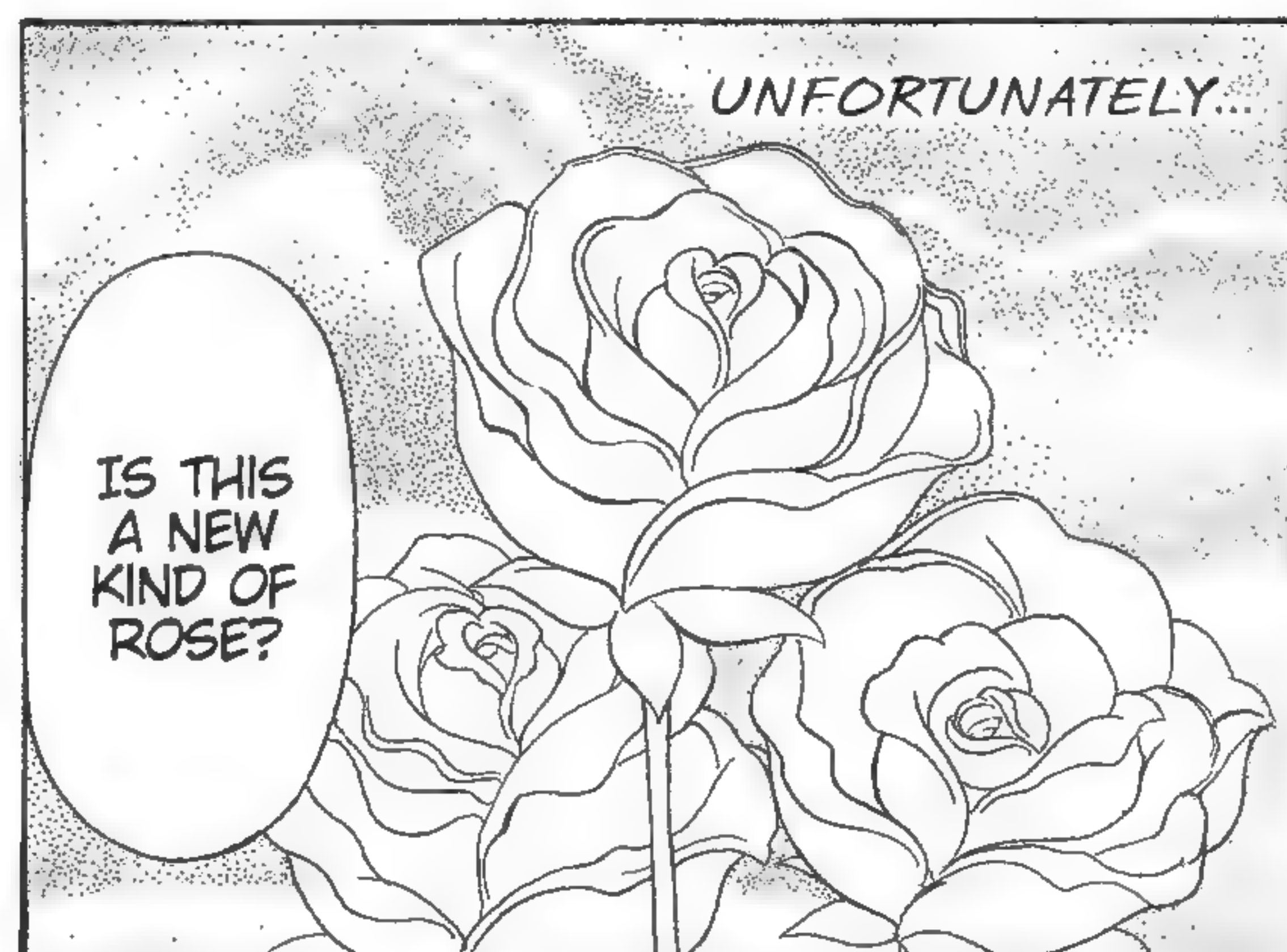


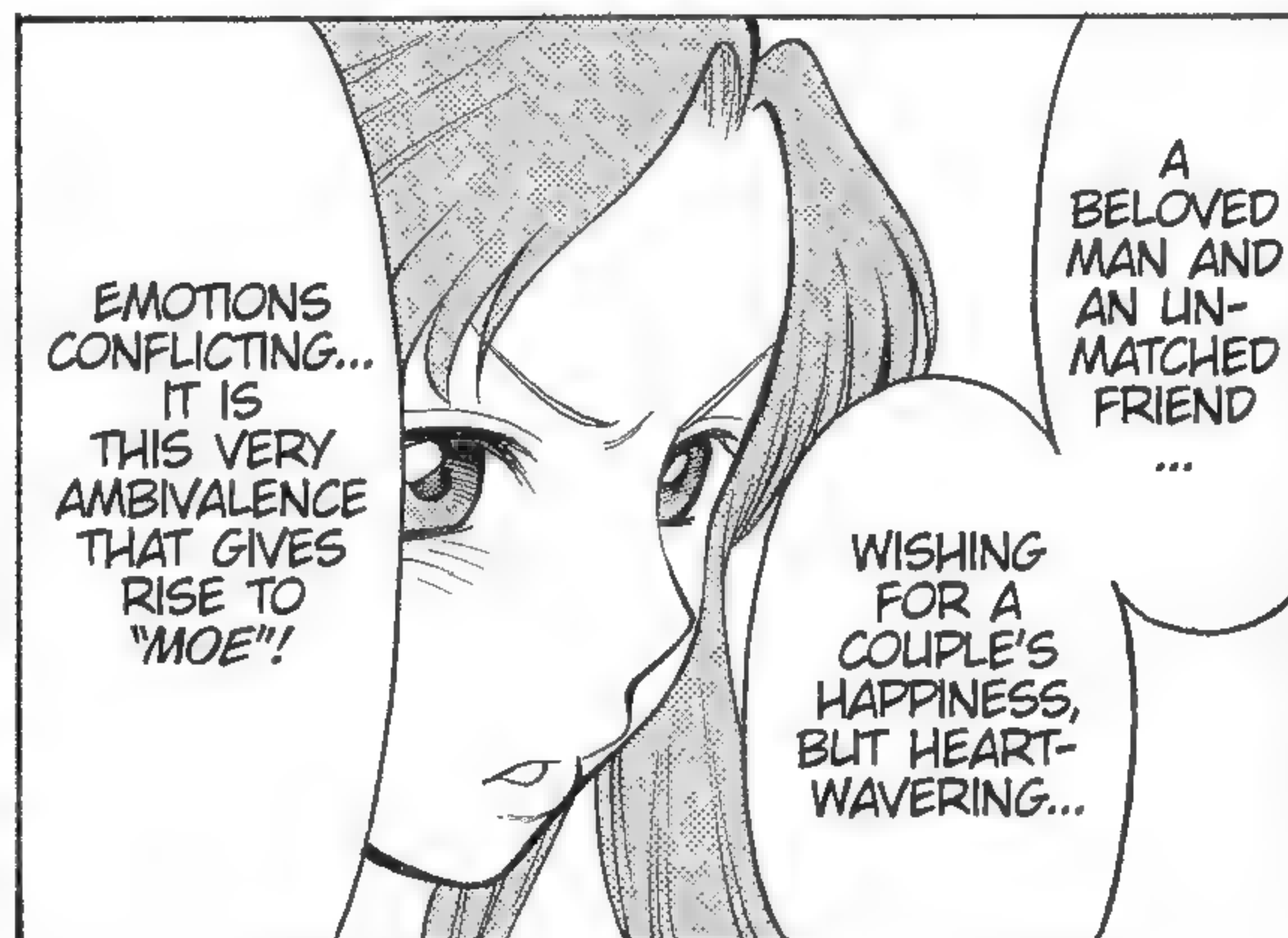
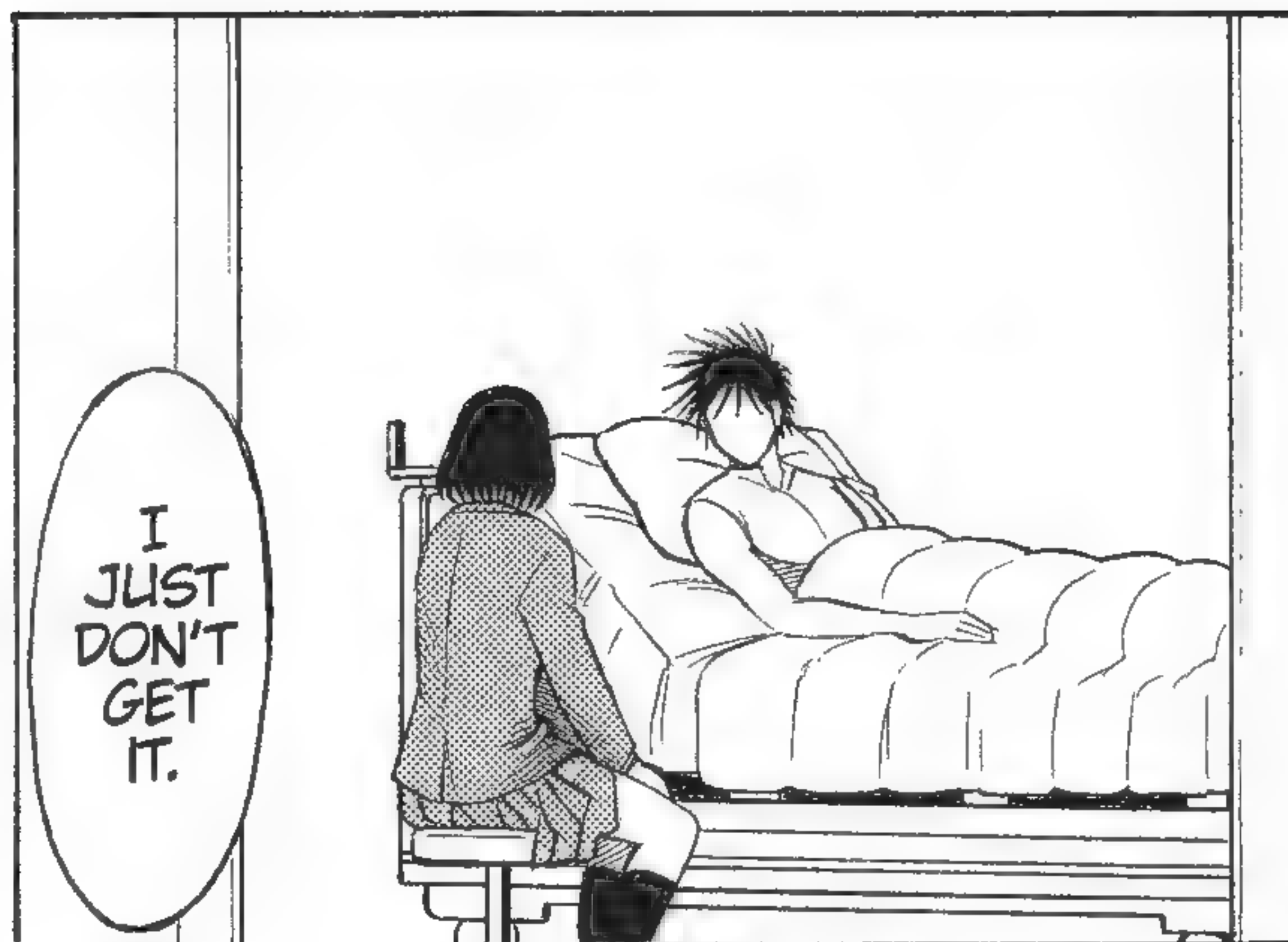
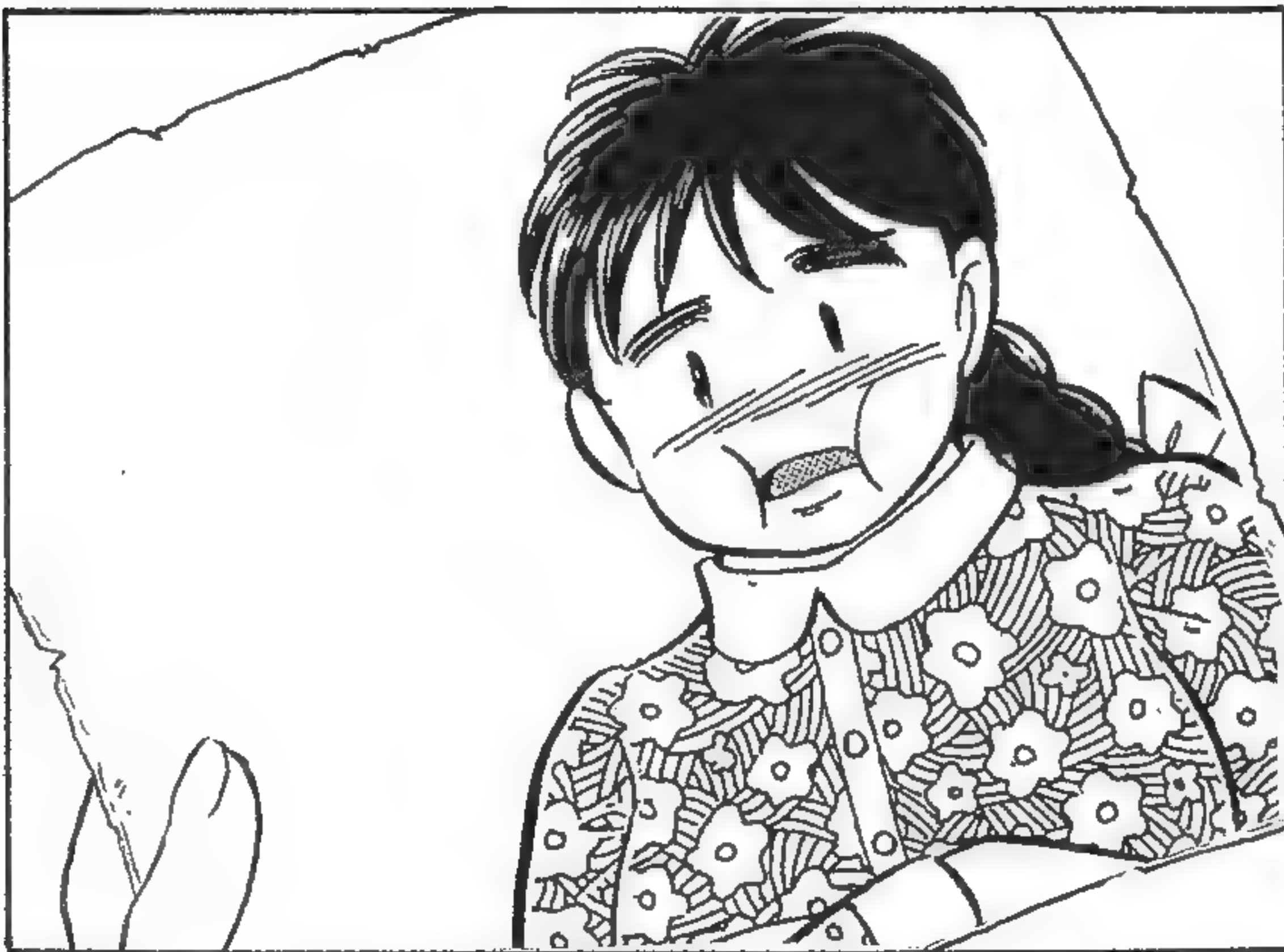
DANCE with the VAMPIRE MAID

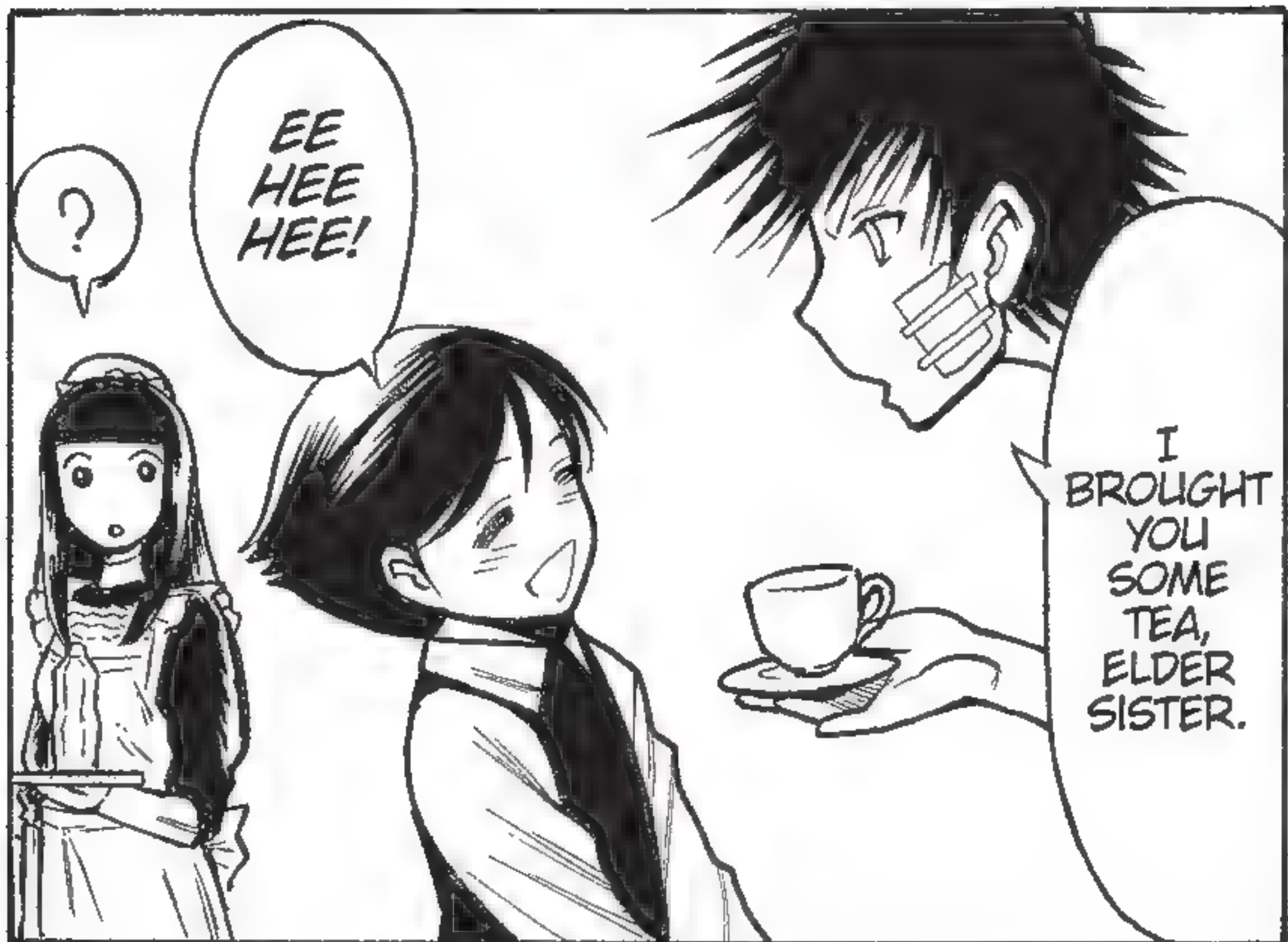
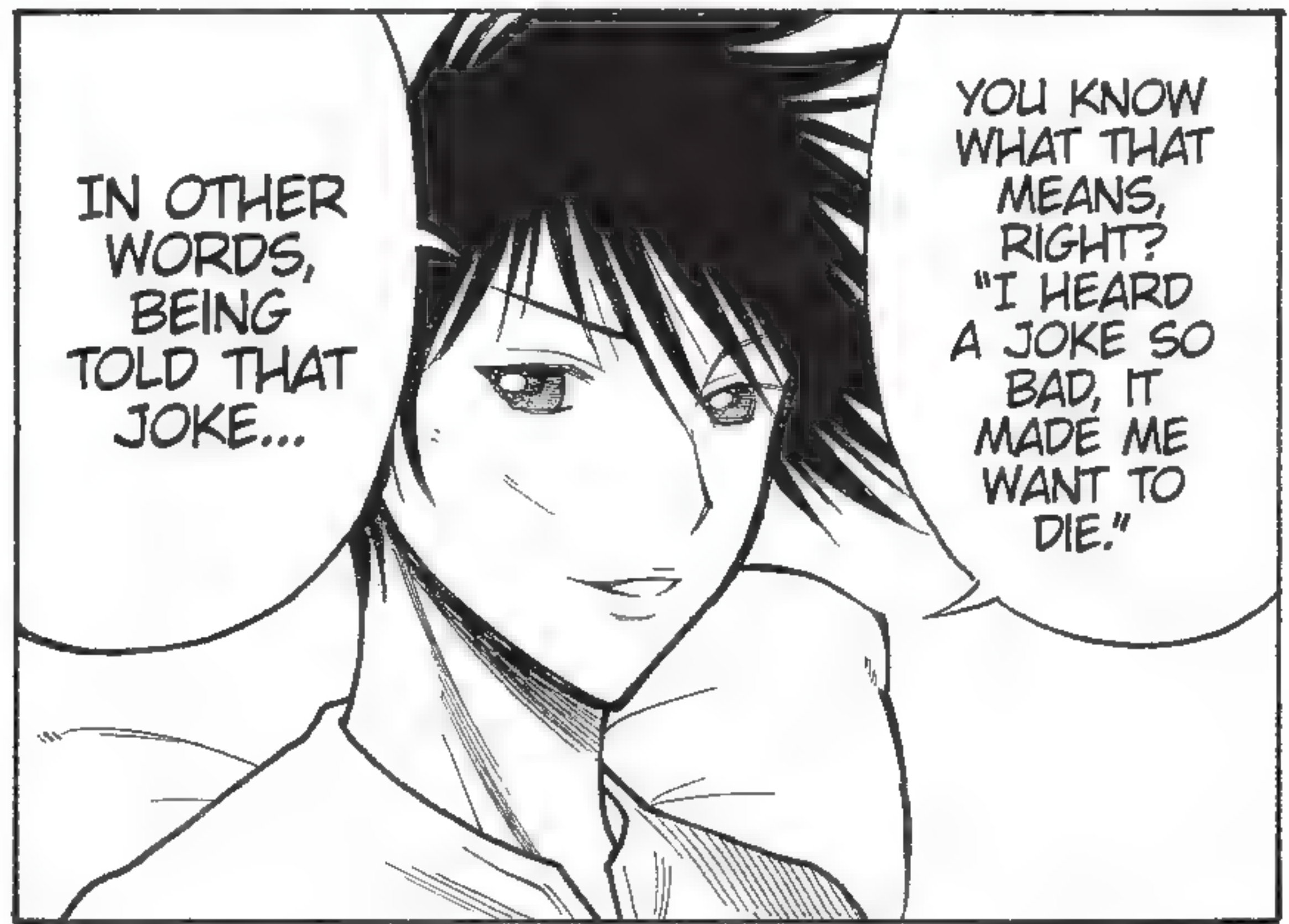
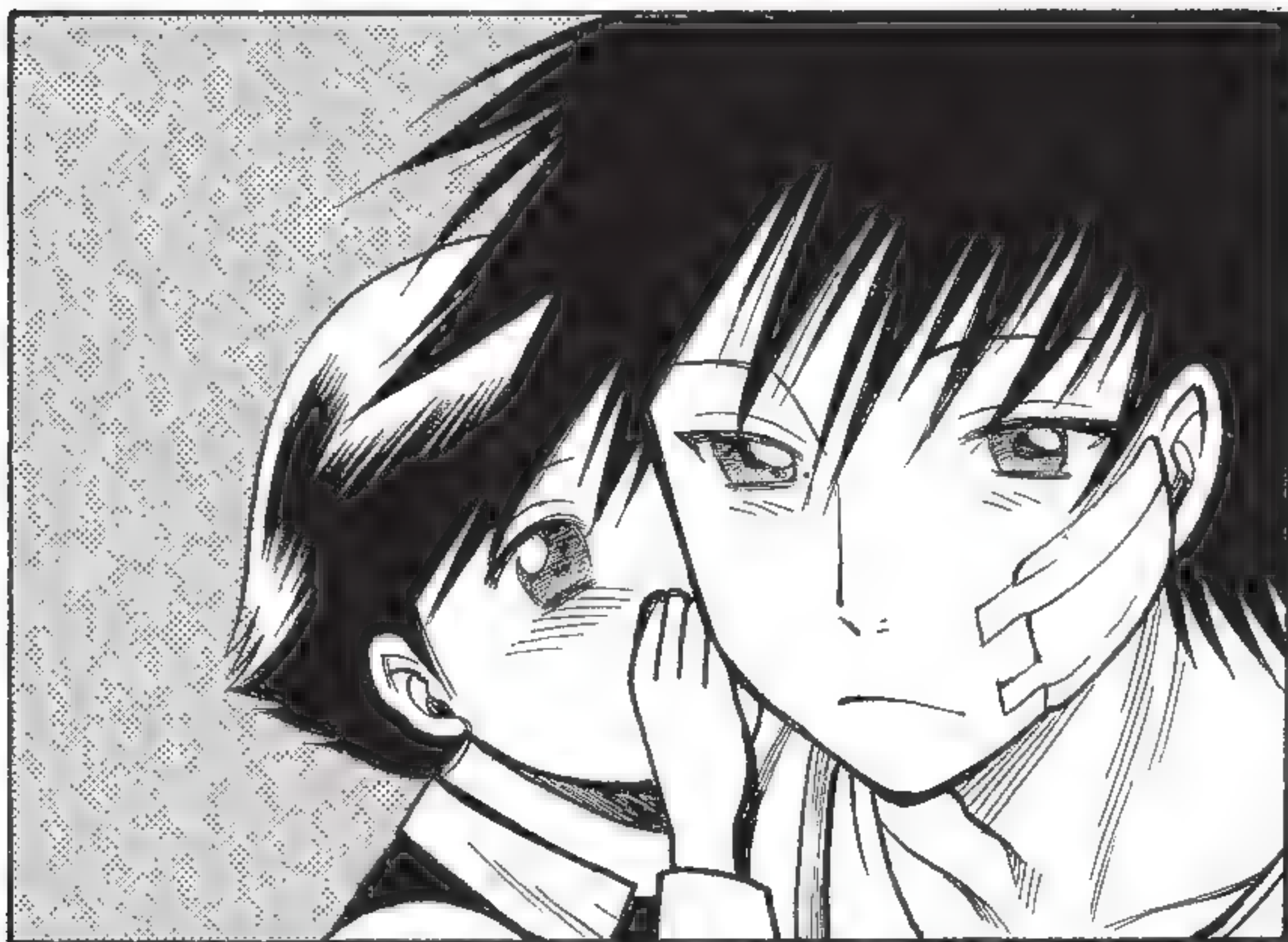
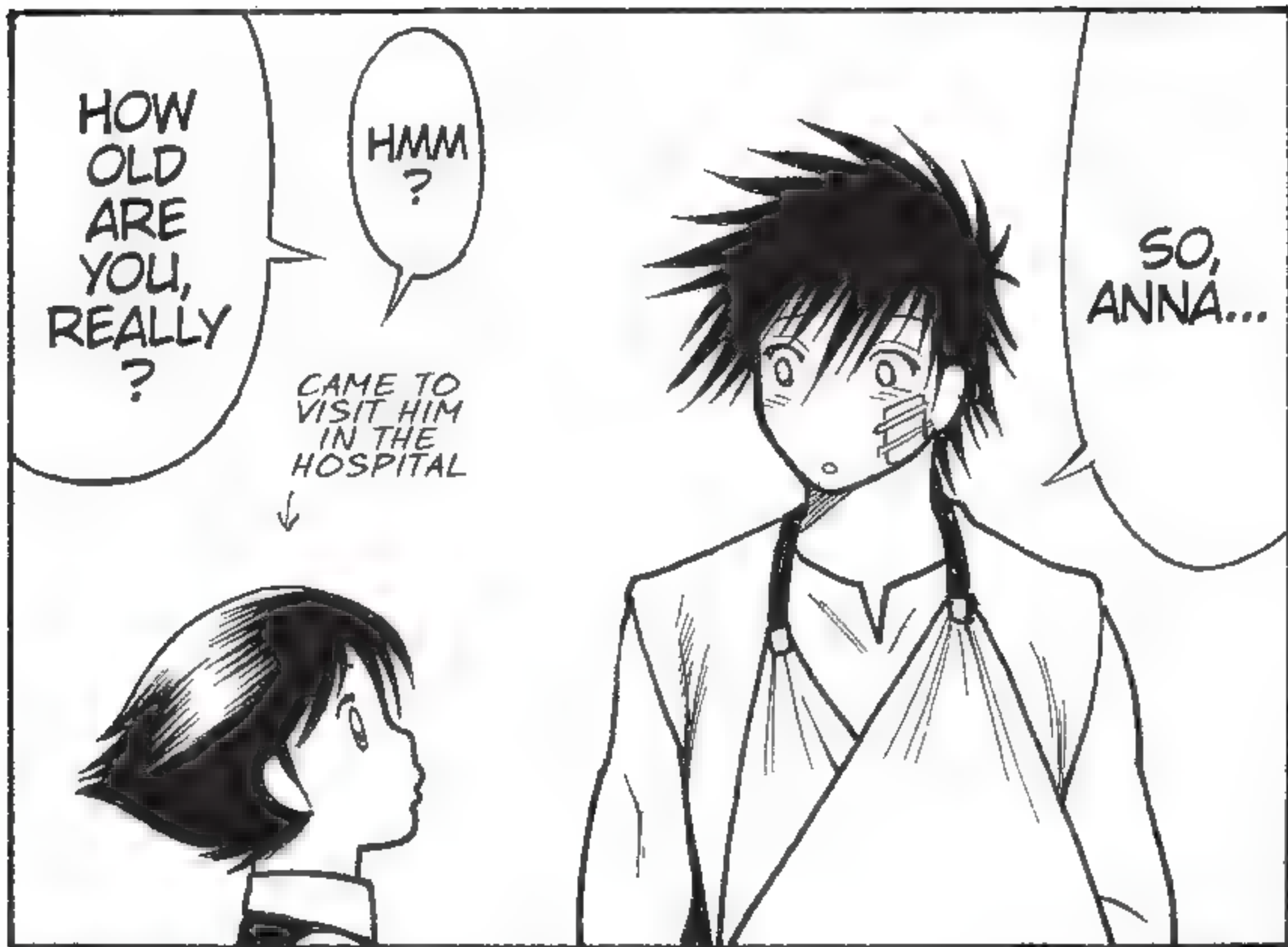
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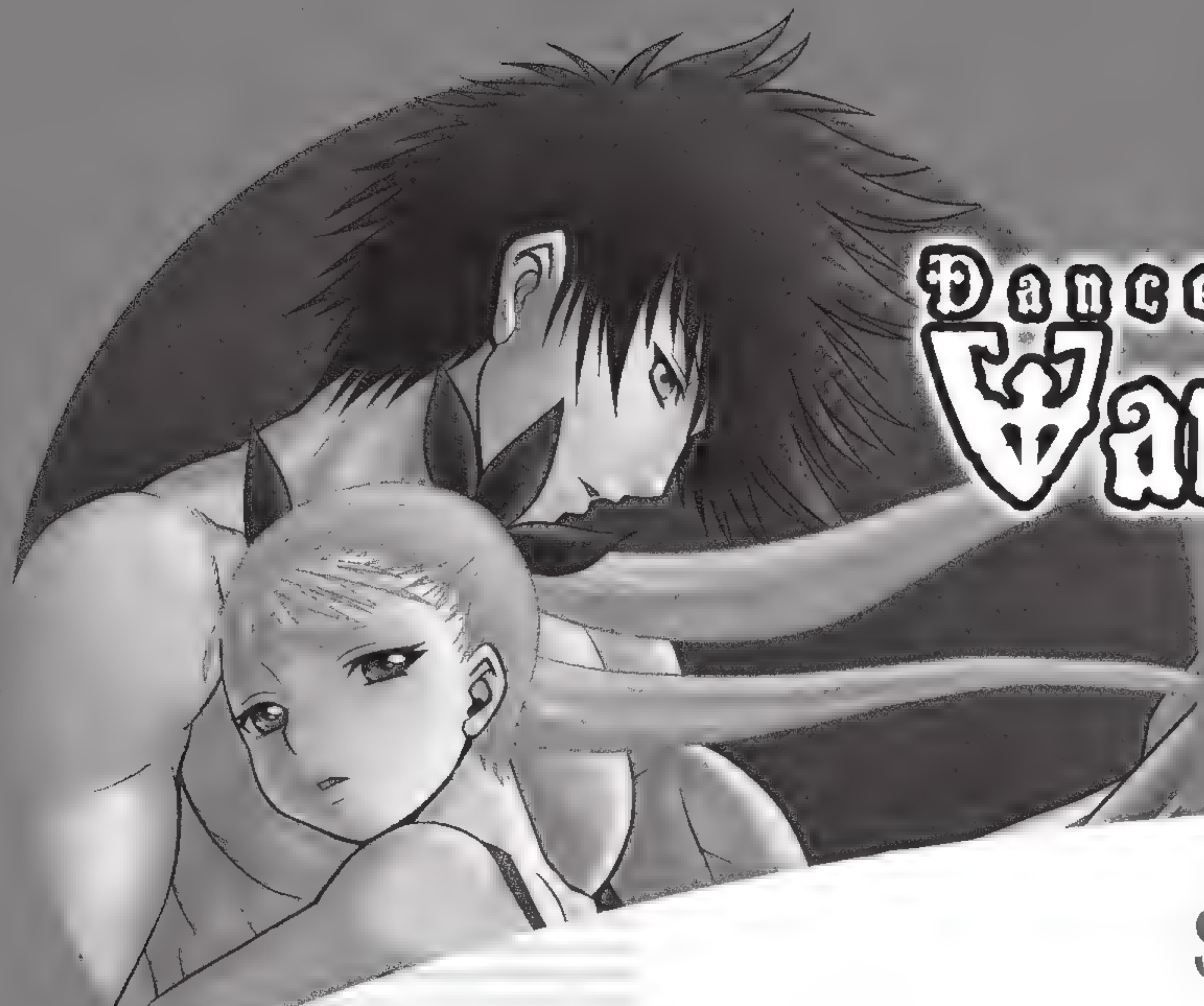


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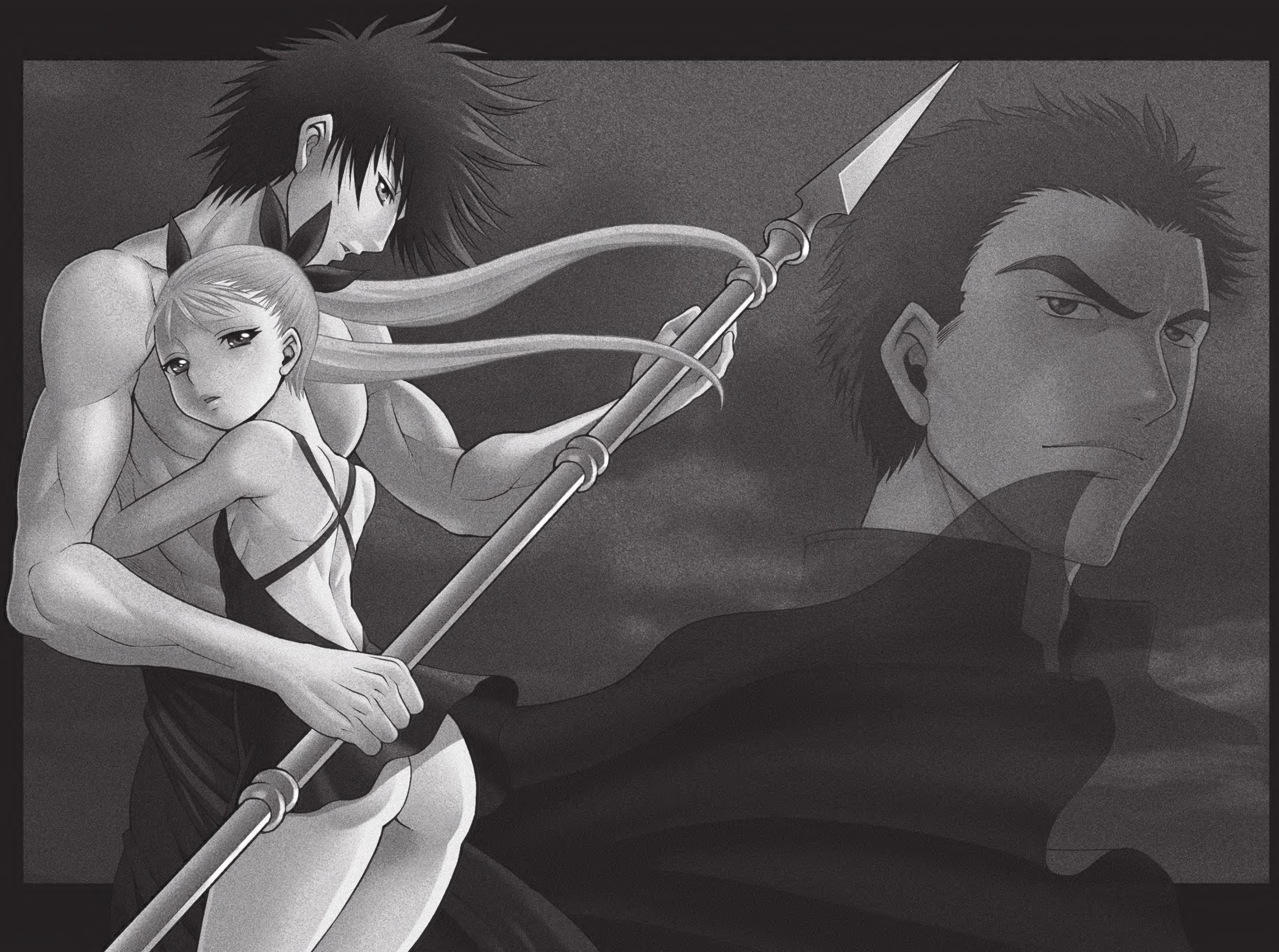


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